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(54) Title: ARYLSULFONAMIDOBENZYLIC COMPOUNDS

(57) Abstract: Arylsulfonamidobenzyl alcohols, amines and sulfonamides are provided which are useful in treating lipid disorders, metabolic diseases and cell-proliferative diseases.

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biochemical pathways involved. Most recently, liver X receptors (LXRs) were identified as key components in cholesterol homeostasis.

[0005] The LXRs were first identified as orphan members of the nuclear receptor superfamily whose ligands and functions were unknown. Two LXR proteins (α and β) are known to exist in mammals. The expression of LXR α is restricted, with the highest levels being found in the liver, and lower levels found in kidney, intestine, spleen, and adrenals (see Willy, *et al.*, *Genes Dev.* 9(9):1033-45 (1995)). LXR β is rather ubiquitous, being found in nearly all tissues examined. Recent studies on the LXRs indicate that they are activated by certain naturally occurring, oxidized derivatives of cholesterol, including 22(R)-

10 hydroxycholesterol, 24(S)-hydroxycholesterol and 24,25(S)-epoxycholesterol (see Lehmann, *et al.*, *J. Biol. Chem.* 272(6):3137-3140 (1997)). The expression pattern of LXRs and their oxysterol ligands provided the first hint that these receptors may play a role in cholesterol metabolism (see Janowski, *et al.*, *Nature* 383:728-731 (1996)).

[0006] As noted above, cholesterol metabolism in mammals occurs via conversion into steroid hormones or bile acids. The role of LXRs in cholesterol homeostasis was first postulated to involve the pathway of bile acid synthesis, in which cholesterol 7 α -hydroxylase (CYP7A) operates in a rate-limiting manner. Support for this proposal was provided when additional experiments found that the CYP7A promoter contained a functional LXR response element that could be activated by RXR/LXR heterodimers in an oxysterol- and retinoid- dependent manner. Confirmation of LXR function as a transcriptional control point in cholesterol metabolism was made using knockout mice, particularly those lacking the oxysterol receptor LXR α (see Peet, *et al.*, *Cell* 93:693-704 (1998)).

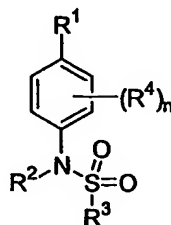
[0007] Mice lacking the receptor LXR α (*e.g.*, knockout or (-/-) mice) lost their ability to respond normally to increases in dietary cholesterol and were unable to tolerate any cholesterol in excess of that synthesized *de novo*. LXR α (-/-) mice did not induce transcription of the gene encoding CYP7A when fed diets containing additional cholesterol. This resulted in an accumulation of large amounts of cholesterol and impaired hepatic function in the livers of LXR α (-/-) mice. These results further established the role of LXR α as the essential regulatory component of cholesterol homeostasis. LXR α is also believed to be involved in fatty acid synthesis. Accordingly, regulation of LXR α (*e.g.*, use of LXR α agonist or antagonists) could provide treatment for a variety of lipid disorders including obesity and diabetes.

[0008] In view of the importance of LXRs, and particularly LXR α s to the delicate balance of cholesterol metabolism and fatty acid biosynthesis, we describe modulators of

LXRs which are useful as therapeutic agents or diagnostic agents for the treatment of disorders associated with bile acid and cholesterol metabolism, including cholesterol gallstones, atherosclerosis, lipid storage diseases, obesity, and diabetes. The agents described herein are also useful for disease states associated with serum hypercholesterolemia, such as coronary heart disease.

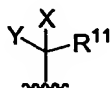
BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

[0009] In one aspect, the present invention provides compounds having the formula:



(I)

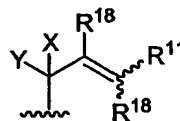
wherein R^1 is selected from:



(Ia)



(Ib)



(Ic)



(Id)

wherein R^{11} is selected from halogen, nitro, cyano, R^{12} , OR^{12} , SR^{12} , NHR^{12} , $N(R^{12})_2$, (C₄-C₈)cycloalkyl, (C₅-C₈)cycloalkenyl, COR^{12} , CO_2R^{12} , $CONHR^{12}$, $CON(R^{12})_2$, aryl, aryl(C₁-C₄)alkyl, heteroaryl and heteroaryl(C₁-C₄)alkyl; wherein each R^{12} is (C₁-C₈)alkyl, (C₃-C₈)alkenyl, (C₃-C₈)alkynyl, (C₂-C₈)heteroalkyl, halo(C₁-C₈)alkyl or two R^{12} groups attached to the same nitrogen atom are combined to form a five- to eight-membered ring and any alkyl portions of R^{11} are optionally substituted with from one to three substituents independently selected from halogen, OR^{13} , $NHSO_2R^{14}$ and $NHC(O)R^{13}$, and any aryl or heteroaryl portions of R^{11} are optionally substituted with from one to five substituents independently selected from halogen, cyano, nitro, R^{14} , OR^{13} , SR^{13} , $N(R^{13})_2$, $NHSO_2R^{14}$, $NHC(O)R^{13}$, phenyl, phenyl(C₁-C₃)alkyl, and phenyl(C₂-C₈)heteroalkyl; wherein each R^{13} is independently selected from H, (C₁-C₈)alkyl, (C₃-C₈)alkenyl, (C₃-C₈)alkynyl, (C₂-C₈)heteroalkyl and

halo(C₁-C₈)alkyl and each R¹⁴ is independently selected from (C₁-C₈)alkyl, (C₃-C₈)alkenyl, (C₃-C₈)alkynyl, (C₂-C₈)heteroalkyl and halo(C₁-C₈)alkyl. Optionally, R¹¹ is combined with either X or Y to form a five- to six-membered monocyclic or fused bicyclic ring containing from 0 to 3 heteroatoms selected from N, O and S.

5 [0010] Each R¹⁸ is independently selected from H, (C₁-C₈)alkyl, (C₂-C₈)heteroalkyl, halo(C₁-C₈)alkyl, aryl and heteroaryl.

[0011] In each of the R¹ groups above, the component X represents H, NH₂, NHR¹⁵, NHSO₂R¹⁵, OH or OR¹⁵, wherein R¹⁵ is (C₁-C₈)alkyl, (C₃-C₈)alkenyl, (C₃-C₈)alkynyl, (C₂-C₈)heteroalkyl or halo(C₁-C₈)alkyl; and the component Y is fluoro(C₁-C₄)alkyl.

10 [0012] Returning to formula I, R² is selected from H, (C₁-C₈)alkyl, (C₂-C₈)heteroalkyl, (C₃-C₈)alkenyl, (C₃-C₈)alkynyl, (C₃-C₈)cycloalkyl and (C₄-C₈)cycloalkyl-alkyl, wherein any alkyl portions of R² are optionally substituted with from one to three substituents independently selected from halogen, nitro, cyano, hydroxy, oxo and amino; and R³ is selected from aryl and heteroaryl, the aryl or heteroaryl group being optionally substituted with from one to five substituents independently selected from halogen, cyano, nitro, R¹⁶, OR¹⁶, SR¹⁶, COR¹⁶, CO₂R¹⁶, NHR¹⁶, N(R¹⁶)₂, CONHR¹⁶, CON(R¹⁶)₂, NHSO₂R¹⁶, NHC(O)R¹⁶, phenyl, phenyl(C₁-C₈)alkyl, and phenyl(C₂-C₈)heteroalkyl; wherein each R¹⁶ is independently selected from (C₁-C₈)alkyl, (C₃-C₈)alkenyl, (C₃-C₈)alkynyl, (C₂-C₈)heteroalkyl and halo(C₁-C₈)alkyl, or two R¹⁶ groups attached to the same nitrogen atom are combined to form a five- to eight-membered ring. Optionally, R² and R⁴ are combined to form a five- to six-membered fused ring containing from 1 to 3 heteroatoms selected from N, O and S.

15 [0013] The subscript n is an integer of from 0 to 3, indicating the presence or absence of substituents on the phenyl ring core of formula I. Each of the R⁴ substituents is independently selected from halogen, cyano, nitro, R¹⁷, OR¹⁷, SR¹⁷, COR¹⁷, CO₂R¹⁷, N(R¹⁷)₂ and CON(R¹⁷)₂, wherein each R¹⁷ is independently selected from H, (C₁-C₈)alkyl, (C₃-C₈)alkenyl, (C₃-C₈)alkynyl, (C₂-C₈)heteroalkyl or halo(C₁-C₈)alkyl, or two R¹⁷ groups attached to the same nitrogen atom are combined to form a five- to eight-membered ring.

[0014] In addition to the compounds provided in formula I, pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof are also provided.

30 [0015] In yet another aspect, the present invention provides methods for modulating LXR in a cell by administering to or contacting the cell with a composition containing a compound of Formula I above.

[0016] In still another aspect, the present invention provides methods for treating LXR-responsive diseases by administering to a subject in need of such treatment a

composition containing a compound of Formula I. These methods are particularly useful for the treatment of pathology such as obesity, diabetes, hypercholesterolemia, atherosclerosis, and hyperlipoproteinemia. In certain embodiments, the compound can be administered to the subject in combination with an additional anti-hypercholesterolemic agent, for example, bile acid sequestrants, nicotinic acid, fibric acid derivatives or HMG CoA reductase inhibitors.

[0017] The present compounds can exert their effects either systemically (the compounds permeate the relevant tissues, such as liver, upon entrance into the bloodstream) or locally (for example, by modulating LXR function of intestinal epithelial cells following oral administration, without necessitating the compounds' entrance into the bloodstream). In some disease states, some preferred compounds will be those with good systemic distribution, while, in other instances, preferred compounds will be those that can work locally on the intestinal track or on the skin without penetrating the bloodstream.

[0018] Certain compounds of the present invention are antiproliferative and can be used in compositions for treating diseases associated with abnormal cell proliferation (*e.g.*, cancer). Other diseases associated with an abnormally high level of cellular proliferation include restenosis, where vascular smooth muscle cells are involved, inflammatory disease states, where endothelial cells, inflammatory cells and glomerular cells are involved, myocardial infarction, where heart muscle cells are involved, glomerular nephritis, where kidney cells are involved, transplant rejection, where endothelial cells are involved, infectious diseases such as HIV infection and malaria, where certain immune cells and/or other infected cells are involved, and the like. Infectious and parasitic agents per se (*e.g.* bacteria, trypanosomes, fungi, *etc*) are also subject to selective proliferative control using the subject compositions and compounds.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

[0019] Not applicable.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

Definitions

[0020] As used herein, the term "heteroatom" is meant to include oxygen (O), nitrogen (N), sulfur (S) and silicon (Si).

[0021] The term "alkyl," by itself or as part of another substituent, means, unless otherwise stated, a straight or branched chain, or cyclic hydrocarbon radical, or combination thereof, which is fully saturated, having the number of carbon atoms designated (*i.e.* C₁-C₈ means one to eight carbons). Examples of alkyl groups include methyl, ethyl, n-propyl, isopropyl, n-butyl, t-butyl, isobutyl, sec-butyl, cyclohexyl, (cyclohexyl)methyl, cyclopropylmethyl, homologs and isomers of, for example, n-pentyl, n-hexyl, n-heptyl, n-octyl and the like.

[0022] The term "alkenyl", by itself or as part of another substituent, means a straight or branched chain, or cyclic hydrocarbon radical, or combination thereof, which may be mono- or polyunsaturated, having the number of carbon atoms designated (*i.e.* C₂-C₈ means two to eight carbons) and one or more double bonds. Examples of alkenyl groups include vinyl, 2-propenyl, crotyl, 2-isopentenyl, 2-(butadienyl), 2,4-pentadienyl, 3-(1,4-pentadienyl) and higher homologs and isomers thereof.

[0023] The term "alkynyl", by itself or as part of another substituent, means a straight or branched chain hydrocarbon radical, or combination thereof, which may be mono- or polyunsaturated, having the number of carbon atoms designated (*i.e.* C₂-C₈ means two to eight carbons) and one or more triple bonds. Examples of alkynyl groups include ethynyl, 1- and 3-propynyl, 3-butylnyl and higher homologs and isomers thereof.

[0024] The term "alkylene" by itself or as part of another substituent means a divalent radical derived from alkyl, as exemplified by -CH₂CH₂CH₂CH₂-. Typically, an alkyl (or alkylene) group will have from 1 to 24 carbon atoms, with those groups having 10 or fewer carbon atoms being preferred in the present invention. A "lower alkyl" or "lower alkylene" is a shorter chain alkyl or alkylene group, generally having eight or fewer carbon atoms.

[0025] The terms "alkoxy," "alkylamino" and "alkylthio" (or thioalkoxy) are used in their conventional sense, and refer to those alkyl groups attached to the remainder of the molecule *via* an oxygen atom, an amino group, or a sulfur atom, respectively.

[0026] The term "heteroalkyl," by itself or in combination with another term, means, unless otherwise stated, a stable straight or branched chain, or cyclic hydrocarbon radical, or combinations thereof, consisting of the stated number of carbon atoms and from one to three heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of O, N, Si and S, wherein the nitrogen and sulfur atoms may optionally be oxidized and the nitrogen heteroatom may optionally be quaternized. The heteroatom(s) O, N and S may be placed at any interior position of the heteroalkyl group. The heteroatom Si may be placed at any position of the heteroalkyl group, including the position at which the alkyl group is attached to the remainder of the molecule.

Examples include $-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}_2-\text{O}-\text{CH}_3$, $-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}_2-\text{NH}-\text{CH}_3$, $-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}_2-\text{N}(\text{CH}_3)-\text{CH}_3$, $-\text{CH}_2-\text{S}-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}_3$, $-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}_2-\text{S}(\text{O})-\text{CH}_3$, $-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}_2-\text{S}(\text{O})_2-\text{CH}_3$, $-\text{CH}=\text{CH}-\text{O}-\text{CH}_3$, $-\text{Si}(\text{CH}_3)_3$, $-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}=\text{N}-\text{OCH}_3$, and $-\text{CH}=\text{CH}-\text{N}(\text{CH}_3)-\text{CH}_3$. Up to two heteroatoms may be consecutive, such as, for example, $-\text{CH}_2-\text{NH}-\text{OCH}_3$ and $-\text{CH}_2-\text{O}-\text{Si}(\text{CH}_3)_3$.

5 [0027] Similarly, the term "heteroalkylene" by itself or as part of another substituent means a divalent radical derived from heteroalkyl, as exemplified by $-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}_2-\text{S}-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2-$ and $-\text{CH}_2-\text{S}-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}_2-\text{NH}-\text{CH}_2-$. For heteroalkylene groups, heteroatoms can also occupy either or both of the chain termini (e.g., alkyleneoxy, alkylenedioxy, alkyleneamino, alkylenediamino, and the like). Still further, for alkylene and heteroalkylene linking groups,
10 no orientation of the linking group is implied.

[0028] The terms "cycloalkyl" and "heterocycloalkyl", by themselves or in combination with other terms, represent, unless otherwise stated, cyclic versions of "alkyl" and "heteroalkyl", respectively. Accordingly, a cycloalkyl group has the number of carbon atoms designated (i.e., C_3-C_8 means three to eight carbons) and may also have one or two
15 double bonds. A heterocycloalkyl group consists of the number of carbon atoms designated and from one to three heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of O, N, Si and S, and wherein the nitrogen and sulfur atoms may optionally be oxidized and the nitrogen heteroatom may optionally be quaternized. Additionally, for heterocycloalkyl, a heteroatom can occupy the position at which the heterocycle is attached to the remainder of the molecule.
20 Examples of cycloalkyl include cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl, 1-cyclohexenyl, 3-cyclohexenyl, cycloheptyl, and the like. Examples of heterocycloalkyl include 1-(1,2,5,6-tetrahydropyridyl), 1-piperidiny, 2-piperidiny, 3-piperidiny, 4-morpholinyl, 3-morpholinyl, tetrahydrofuran-2-yl, tetrahydrofuran-3-yl, tetrahydrothien-2-yl, tetrahydrothien-3-yl, 1-piperazinyl, 2-piperazinyl, and the like.

25 [0029] The terms "halo" and "halogen," by themselves or as part of another substituent, mean, unless otherwise stated, a fluorine, chlorine, bromine, or iodine atom. Additionally, terms such as "haloalkyl," are meant to include alkyl substituted with halogen atoms, which can be the same or different, in a number ranging from one to $(2m' + 1)$, where m' is the total number of carbon atoms in the alkyl group. For example, the term "halo(C_1-C_4)alkyl" is mean to include trifluoromethyl, 2,2,2-trifluoroethyl, 4-chlorobutyl, 3-bromopropyl, and the like. Thus, the term "haloalkyl" includes monohaloalkyl (alkyl substituted with one halogen atom) and polyhaloalkyl (alkyl substituted with halogen atoms in a number ranging from two to $(2m' + 1)$ halogen atoms, where m' is the total number of carbon atoms in the alkyl group). The term "perhaloalkyl" means, unless otherwise stated,

alkyl substituted with $(2m' + 1)$ halogen atoms, where m' is the total number of carbon atoms in the alkyl group. For example the term "perhalo(C_1 - C_4)alkyl" is meant to include trifluoromethyl, pentachloroethyl, 1,1,1-trifluoro-2-bromo-2-chloroethyl and the like.

[0030] The term "acyl" refers to those groups derived from an organic acid by removal of the hydroxy portion of the acid. Accordingly, acyl is meant to include, for example, acetyl, propionyl, butyryl, decanoyl, pivaloyl, benzoyl and the like.

[0031] The term "aryl" means, unless otherwise stated, a polyunsaturated, typically aromatic, hydrocarbon substituent which can be a single ring or multiple rings (up to three rings) which are fused together or linked covalently. Non-limiting examples of aryl groups include phenyl, 1-naphthyl, 2-naphthyl, 4-biphenyl and 1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalene.

[0032] The term "heteroaryl" refers to aryl groups (or rings) that contain from zero to four heteroatoms selected from N, O, and S, wherein the nitrogen and sulfur atoms are optionally oxidized and the nitrogen heteroatom are optionally quaternized. A heteroaryl group can be attached to the remainder of the molecule through a heteroatom. Non-limiting examples of heteroaryl groups include 1-pyrrolyl, 2-pyrrolyl, 3-pyrrolyl, 3-pyrazolyl, 2-imidazolyl, 4-imidazolyl, pyrazinyl, 2-oxazolyl, 4-oxazolyl, 2-phenyl-4-oxazolyl, 5-oxazolyl, 3-isoxazolyl, 4-isoxazolyl, 5-isoxazolyl, 2-thiazolyl, 4-thiazolyl, 5-thiazolyl, 2-furyl, 3-furyl, 2-thienyl, 3-thienyl, 2-pyridyl, 3-pyridyl, 4-pyridyl, 2-pyrimidyl, 4-pyrimidyl, 5-benzothiazolyl, purinyl, 2-benzimidazolyl, 5-indolyl, 1-isoquinolyl, 5-isoquinolyl, 2-quinoxaliny, 5-quinoxaliny, 3-quinolyl and 6-quinolyl.

[0033] For brevity, the term "aryl" when used in combination with other terms (*e.g.*, aryloxy, arylthioxy, arylalkyl) includes both aryl and heteroaryl rings as defined above. Thus, the term "arylalkyl" is meant to include those radicals in which an aryl group is attached to an alkyl group (*e.g.*, benzyl, phenethyl, pyridylmethyl and the like) including those alkyl groups in which a carbon atom (*e.g.*, a methylene group) has been replaced by, for example, an oxygen atom (*e.g.*, phenoxymethyl, 2-pyridyloxymethyl, 3-(1-naphthyloxy)propyl, and the like).

[0034] Each of the above terms (*e.g.*, "alkyl," "heteroalkyl," "aryl" and "heteroaryl") is meant to include both substituted and unsubstituted forms of the indicated radical. Preferred substituents for each type of radical are provided below.

[0035] Substituents for the alkyl and heteroalkyl radicals (as well as those groups referred to as alkylene, alkenyl, heteroalkylene, heteroalkenyl, alkynyl, cycloalkyl, heterocycloalkyl, cycloalkenyl and heterocycloalkenyl) can be a variety of groups selected from: $-OR'$, $=O$, $=NR'$, $=N-OR'$, $-NR'R''$, $-SR'$, halogen, $-SiR'R''R'''$, $-OC(O)R'$, $-C(O)R'$,

-CO₂R', -CONR'R'', -OC(O)NR'R'', -NR''C(O)R', -NR'-C(O)NR''R''', -NR'-SO₂NR''R''',
 -NR''CO₂R', -NH-C(NH₂)=NH, -NR'C(NH₂)=NH, -NH-C(NH₂)=NR', -S(O)R', -SO₂R',
 -SO₂NR'R'', -NR''SO₂R, -CN and -NO₂, in a number ranging from zero to three, with those
 groups having zero, one or two substituents being particularly preferred. R', R'' and R''' each
 5 independently refer to hydrogen, unsubstituted (C₁-C₈)alkyl and heteroalkyl, unsubstituted
 aryl, aryl substituted with one to three halogens, unsubstituted alkyl, alkoxy or thioalkoxy
 groups, or aryl-(C₁-C₄)alkyl groups. When R' and R'' are attached to the same nitrogen atom,
 they can be combined with the nitrogen atom to form a 5-, 6- or 7-membered ring. For
 example, -NR'R'' is meant to include 1-pyrrolidinyl and 4-morpholinyl. Typically, an alkyl
 10 or heteroalkyl group will have from zero to three substituents, with those groups having two
 or fewer substituents being preferred in the present invention. More preferably, an alkyl or
 heteroalkyl radical will be unsubstituted or monosubstituted. Most preferably, an alkyl or
 heteroalkyl radical will be unsubstituted. From the above discussion of substituents, one of
 skill in the art will understand that the term "alkyl" is meant to include groups such as
 15 trihaloalkyl (e.g., -CF₃ and -CH₂CF₃).

[0036] Preferred substituents for the alkyl and heteroalkyl radicals are selected from:

-OR', =O, -NR'R'', -SR', halogen, -SiR'R''R''', -OC(O)R', -C(O)R', -CO₂R', -CONR'R'', -
 OC(O)NR'R'', -NR''C(O)R', -NR''CO₂R', -NR'-SO₂NR''R''', -S(O)R', -SO₂R', -SO₂NR'R'',
 -NR''SO₂R, -CN and -NO₂, where R' and R'' are as defined above. Further preferred
 20 substituents are selected from: -OR', =O, -NR'R'', halogen, -OC(O)R', -CO₂R', -CONR'R'', -
 OC(O)NR'R'', -NR''C(O)R', -NR''CO₂R', -NR'-SO₂NR''R''', -SO₂R', -SO₂NR'R'', -
 NR''SO₂R, -CN and -NO₂.

[0037] Similarly, substituents for the aryl and heteroaryl groups are varied and

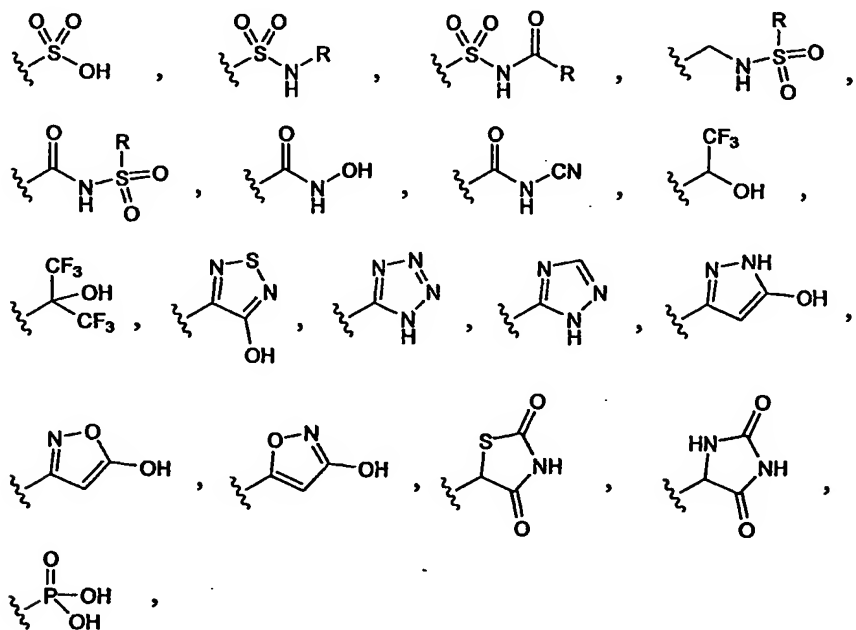
selected from: halogen, -OR', -OC(O)R', -NR'R'', -SR', -R', -CN, -NO₂, -CO₂R',
 25 -CONR'R'', -C(O)R', -OC(O)NR'R'', -NR''C(O)R', -NR''CO₂R', -NR'-C(O)NR''R''', -NR'-
 SO₂NR''R''', -NH-C(NH₂)=NH, -NR'C(NH₂)=NH, -NH-C(NH₂)=NR', -S(O)R', -SO₂R', -
 -SO₂NR'R'', -NR''SO₂R, -N₃, -CH(Ph)₂, perfluoro(C₁-C₄)alkoxy and perfluoro(C₁-C₄)alkyl,
 in a number ranging from zero to the total number of open valences on the aromatic ring
 system; and where R', R'' and R''' are independently selected from hydrogen, (C₁-C₈)alkyl
 30 and heteroalkyl, unsubstituted aryl and heteroaryl, (unsubstituted aryl)-(C₁-C₄)alkyl and
 (unsubstituted aryl)oxy-(C₁-C₄)alkyl. When the aryl group is 1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalene,
 it may be substituted with a substituted or unsubstituted (C₃-C₇)spirocycloalkyl group. The
 (C₃-C₇)spirocycloalkyl group may be substituted in the same manner as defined herein for
 "cycloalkyl". Typically, an aryl or heteroaryl group will have from zero to three substituents,

with those groups having two or fewer substituents being preferred in the present invention. In one embodiment of the invention, an aryl or heteroaryl group will be unsubstituted or monosubstituted. In another embodiment, an aryl or heteroaryl group will be unsubstituted.

[0038] Preferred substituents for aryl and heteroaryl groups are selected from:

- 5 halogen, -OR', -OC(O)R', -NR'R'', -SR', -R', -CN, -NO₂, -CO₂R', -CONR'R'', -C(O)R', -OC(O)NR'R'', -NR''C(O)R', -S(O)R', -SO₂R', -SO₂NR'R'', -NR''SO₂R', -N₃, -CH(Ph)₂, perfluoro(C₁-C₄)alkoxy and perfluoro(C₁-C₄)alkyl, where R' and R'' are as defined above. Further preferred substituents are selected from: halogen, -OR', -OC(O)R', -NR'R'', -R', -CN, -NO₂, -CO₂R', -CONR'R'', -NR''C(O)R', -SO₂R', -SO₂NR'R'', -NR''SO₂R',
- 10 perfluoro(C₁-C₄)alkoxy and perfluoro(C₁-C₄)alkyl.

[0039] It is to be understood that the substituent -CO₂H, as used herein, includes bioisosteric replacements therefor, such as:



and the like. See, e.g., *The Practice of Medicinal Chemistry*; Wermuth, C.G., Ed.; Academic Press: New York, 1996; p. 203.

[0040] Two of the substituents on adjacent atoms of the aryl or heteroaryl ring may optionally be replaced with a substituent of the formula -T-C(O)-(CH₂)_q-U-, wherein T and U are independently -NH-, -O-, -CH₂- or a single bond, and q is an integer of from 0 to 2.

Alternatively, two of the substituents on adjacent atoms of the aryl or heteroaryl ring may

- 20 optionally be replaced with a substituent of the formula -A-(CH₂)_r-B-, wherein A and B are independently -CH₂-, -O-, -NH-, -S-, -S(O)-, -S(O)₂-, -S(O)₂NR'- or a single bond, and r is an integer of from 1 to 3. One of the single bonds of the new ring so formed may optionally be

replaced with a double bond. Alternatively, two of the substituents on adjacent atoms of the aryl or heteroaryl ring may optionally be replaced with a substituent of the formula $-(CH_2)_s-X-(CH_2)_t-$, where s and t are independently integers of from 0 to 3, and X is $-O-$, $-NR'-$, $-S-$, $-S(O)-$, $-S(O)_2-$, or $-S(O)_2NR'-$. The substituent R' in $-NR'-$ and $-S(O)_2NR'-$ is selected from
5 hydrogen or unsubstituted (C_1-C_6) alkyl.

[0041] The term "pharmaceutically acceptable salts" is meant to include salts of the active compounds which are prepared with relatively nontoxic acids or bases, depending on the particular substituents found on the compounds described herein. When compounds of the present invention contain relatively acidic functionalities, base addition salts can be
10 obtained by contacting the neutral form of such compounds with a sufficient amount of the desired base, either neat or in a suitable inert solvent. Examples of pharmaceutically acceptable base addition salts include sodium, potassium, calcium, ammonium, organic amino, or magnesium salt, or a similar salt. When compounds of the present invention contain relatively basic functionalities, acid addition salts can be obtained by contacting the
15 neutral form of such compounds with a sufficient amount of the desired acid, either neat or in a suitable inert solvent. Examples of pharmaceutically acceptable acid addition salts include those derived from inorganic acids like hydrochloric, hydrobromic, nitric, carbonic, monohydrogencarbonic, phosphoric, monohydrogenphosphoric, dihydrogenphosphoric, sulfuric, monohydrogensulfuric, hydriodic, or phosphorous acids and the like, as well as the
20 salts derived from relatively nontoxic organic acids like acetic, propionic, isobutyric, oxalic, maleic, malonic, benzoic, succinic, suberic, fumaric, mandelic, phthalic, benzenesulfonic, p-tolylsulfonic, citric, tartaric, methanesulfonic, and the like. Also included are salts of amino acids such as arginate and the like, and salts of organic acids like glucuronic or galactunoric acids and the like (*see*, for example, Berge *et al.* (1977) *J. Pharm. Sci.* 66:1-19). Certain
25 specific compounds of the present invention contain both basic and acidic functionalities that allow the compounds to be converted into either base or acid addition salts.

[0042] The neutral forms of the compounds may be regenerated by contacting the salt with a base or acid and isolating the parent compound in the conventional manner. The parent form of the compound differs from the various salt forms in certain physical
30 properties, such as solubility in polar solvents, but otherwise the salts are equivalent to the parent form of the compound for the purposes of the present invention.

[0043] In addition to salt forms, the present invention provides compounds which are in a prodrug form. Prodrugs of the compounds described herein are those compounds that readily undergo chemical changes under physiological conditions to provide the compounds

of the present invention. Additionally, prodrugs can be converted to the compounds of the present invention by chemical or biochemical methods in an *ex vivo* environment. For example, prodrugs can be slowly converted to the compounds of the present invention when placed in a transdermal patch reservoir with a suitable enzyme or chemical reagent. Prodrugs are often useful because, in some situations, they may be easier to administer than the parent drug. They may, for instance, be bioavailable by oral administration whereas the parent drug is not. The prodrug may also have improved solubility in pharmacological compositions over the parent drug. A wide variety of prodrug derivatives are known in the art, such as those that rely on hydrolytic cleavage or oxidative activation of the prodrug. An example, without limitation, of a prodrug would be a compound of the present invention which is administered as an ester (the "prodrug"), but then is metabolically hydrolyzed to the carboxylic acid, the active entity. Additional examples include peptidyl derivatives of a compound of the invention.

[0044] Certain compounds of the present invention can exist in unsolvated forms as well as solvated forms, including hydrated forms. In general, the solvated forms are equivalent to unsolvated forms and are intended to be encompassed within the scope of the present invention. Certain compounds of the present invention may exist in multiple crystalline or amorphous forms. In general, all physical forms are equivalent for the uses contemplated by the present invention and are intended to be within the scope of the present invention.

[0045] Certain compounds of the present invention possess asymmetric carbon atoms (optical centers) or double bonds; the racemates, diastereomers, geometric isomers and individual isomers are all intended to be encompassed within the scope of the present invention.

[0046] The compounds of the present invention may also contain unnatural proportions of atomic isotopes at one or more of the atoms that constitute such compounds. For example, the compounds may be radiolabeled with radioactive isotopes, such as for example tritium (^3H), iodine-125 (^{125}I) or carbon-14 (^{14}C). All isotopic variations of the compounds of the present invention, whether radioactive or not, are intended to be encompassed within the scope of the present invention.

[0047] The terms "modulate", "modulation" and the like refer to the ability of a compound to increase or decrease the function and/or expression of LXR, where LXR function may include transcription regulatory activity and/or protein-binding. Modulation may occur *in vitro* or *in vivo*. Modulation, as described herein, includes antagonism,

agonism, partial antagonism and/or partial agonism of a function or characteristic associated with LXR, either directly or indirectly, and/or the upregulation or downregulation of LXR expression, either directly or indirectly. Agonists are compounds that, *e.g.*, bind to, stimulate, increase, open, activate, facilitate, enhance activation, activate, sensitize or upregulate signal transduction. Antagonists are compounds that, *e.g.*, bind to, partially or totally block stimulation, decrease, prevent, inhibit, delay activation, inactivate, desensitize, or downregulate signal transduction. A modulator preferably inhibits LXR function and/or downregulates LXR expression. More preferably, a modulator inhibits or activates LXR function and/or downregulates or upregulates LXR expression. Most preferably, a modulator activates LXR function and/or upregulates LXR expression. The ability of a compound to modulate LXR function can be demonstrated in a binding assay or a cell-based assay, *e.g.*, a transient transfection assay.

[0048] As used herein, "diabetes" refers to type I diabetes mellitus (juvenile onset diabetes, insulin dependent-diabetes mellitus or IDDM) or type II diabetes mellitus (non-insulin-dependent diabetes mellitus or NIDDM), preferably, NIDDM.

[0049] As used herein, the term "LXR-mediated condition or disorder" refers to a condition or disorder characterized by inappropriate, *e.g.*, less than or greater than normal, LXR activity. Inappropriate LXR functional activity might arise as the result of LXR expression in cells which normally do not express LXR, decreased LXR expression (leading to, *e.g.*, lipid and metabolic disorders and diseases) or increased LXR expression. An LXR-mediated condition or disease may be completely or partially mediated by inappropriate LXR functional activity. However, an LXR-mediated condition or disease is one in which modulation of LXR results in some effect on the underlying condition or disorder (*e.g.*, an LXR agonist results in some improvement in patient well-being in at least some patients).

[0050] As used herein, the term "LXR-responsive condition" or "LXR-responsive disorder" refers to a condition or disorder that responds favorably to modulation of LXR activity. Favorable responses to LXR modulation include alleviation or abrogation of the disease and/or its attendant symptoms, inhibition of the disease, *i.e.*, arrest or reduction of the development of the disease, or its clinical symptoms, and regression of the disease or its clinical symptoms. An LXR-responsive condition or disease may be completely or partially responsive to LXR modulation. An LXR-responsive condition or disorder may be associated with inappropriate, *e.g.*, less than or greater than normal, LXR activity. Inappropriate LXR functional activity might arise as the result of LXR expression in cells which normally do not

express LXR, decreased LXR expression (leading to, *e.g.*, lipid and metabolic disorders and diseases) or increased LXR expression. An LXR-responsive condition or disease may include an LXR-mediated condition or disease.

[0051] The term "therapeutically effective amount" refers to the amount of the subject compound that will elicit the biological or medical response of a tissue, system, animal or human that is being sought by the researcher, veterinarian, medical doctor or other clinician. The term "therapeutically effective amount" includes that amount of a compound that, when administered, is sufficient to prevent development of, or alleviate to some extent, one or more of the symptoms of the condition or disorder being treated. The therapeutically effective amount will vary depending on the compound, the disease and its severity and the age, weight, *etc.*, of the mammal to be treated.

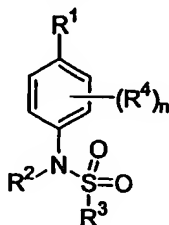
General

[0052] The present invention provides compositions, compounds and methods for modulating LXR function in a cell. The compositions which are useful for this modulation will typically be those which contain an effective amount of an LXR-modulating compound. In general, an effective amount of an LXR-modulating compound is a concentration of the compound that will produce at 50 percent increase/decrease in LXR activity in a cell-based reporter gene assay, or a biochemical peptide-sensor assay such as the assays described in co-pending applications Ser. Nos. 08/975,614 (filed November 21, 1997) and 09/163,713 (filed September 30, 1998).

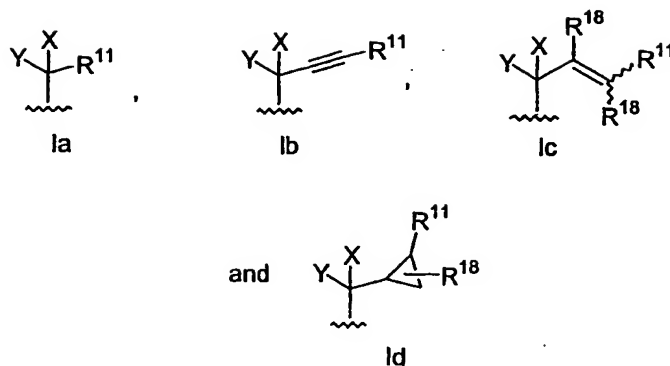
Embodiments of the Invention

Compounds

[0053] In one aspect, the present invention provides compounds having the formula:



wherein R¹ is selected from:



wherein R^{11} is selected from halogen, nitro, cyano, R^{12} , OR^{12} , SR^{12} , NHR^{12} , $N(R^{12})_2$, (C₄-C₈)cycloalkyl, (C₅-C₈)cycloalkenyl, COR^{12} , CO_2R^{12} , $CONHR^{12}$, $CON(R^{12})_2$, aryl, aryl(C₁-C₄)alkyl, heteroaryl and heteroaryl(C₁-C₄)alkyl; wherein each R^{12} is (C₁-C₈)alkyl, (C₃-C₈)alkenyl, (C₃-C₈)alkynyl, (C₂-C₈)heteroalkyl, halo(C₁-C₈)alkyl or two R^{12} groups attached to the same nitrogen atom are combined to form a five- to eight-membered ring and any alkyl portions of R^{11} are optionally substituted with from one to three substituents independently selected from halogen, OR^{13} , $NHSO_2R^{14}$ and $NHC(O)R^{13}$, and any aryl or heteroaryl portions of R^{11} are optionally substituted with from one to five substituents independently selected from halogen, cyano, nitro, R^{14} , OR^{13} , SR^{13} , $N(R^{13})_2$, $NHSO_2R^{14}$, $NHC(O)R^{13}$, phenyl, phenyl(C₁-C₈)alkyl, and phenyl(C₂-C₈)heteroalkyl; wherein each R^{13} is independently selected from H, (C₁-C₈)alkyl, (C₃-C₈)alkenyl, (C₃-C₈)alkynyl, (C₂-C₈)heteroalkyl and halo(C₁-C₈)alkyl and each R^{14} is independently selected from (C₁-C₈)alkyl, (C₃-C₈)alkenyl, (C₃-C₈)alkynyl, (C₂-C₈)heteroalkyl and halo(C₁-C₈)alkyl. Optionally, R^{11} is combined with either X or Y to form a five- to six-membered monocyclic or fused bicyclic ring containing from 0 to 3 heteroatoms selected from N, O and S. Additionally, when R^1 is a group of formula Ia, R^{11} is other than (C₁-C₃)alkyl and halo(C₁-C₃)alkyl.

[0054] Each R^{18} is independently selected from the group consisting of H, (C₁-C₈)alkyl, (C₂-C₈)heteroalkyl, halo(C₁-C₈)alkyl, aryl and heteroaryl.

[0055] In each of the R^1 groups above, the component X represents H, NH_2 , NHR^{15} , $NHSO_2R^{15}$, OH or OR^{15} , wherein R^{15} is (C₁-C₈)alkyl, (C₃-C₈)alkenyl, (C₃-C₈)alkynyl, (C₂-C₈)heteroalkyl or halo(C₁-C₈)alkyl; and Y is fluoro(C₁-C₄)alkyl. In particularly preferred embodiments, Y is CF_3 .

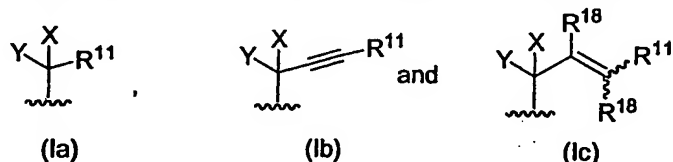
[0056] Returning to formula I, R^2 is selected from H, (C₁-C₈)alkyl, (C₂-C₈)heteroalkyl, (C₃-C₈)alkenyl, (C₃-C₈)alkynyl, (C₃-C₈)cycloalkyl and (C₄-C₈)cycloalkyl-alkyl, wherein any alkyl portions of R^2 are optionally substituted with from one to three substituents independently selected from halogen, nitro, cyano, hydroxy, oxo and amino; and

R^3 is selected from aryl and heteroaryl, the aryl or heteroaryl group being optionally substituted with from one to five substituents independently selected from halogen, cyano, nitro, R^{16} , OR^{16} , SR^{16} , COR^{16} , CO_2R^{16} , NHR^{16} , $N(R^{16})_2$, $CONHR^{16}$, $CON(R^{16})_2$, $NHSO_2R^{16}$, $NHC(O)R^{16}$, phenyl, phenyl(C_1-C_8)alkyl, and phenyl(C_2-C_8)heteroalkyl; wherein each R^{16} is independently selected from (C_1-C_8)alkyl, (C_3-C_8)alkenyl, (C_3-C_8)alkynyl, (C_2-C_8)heteroalkyl and halo(C_1-C_8)alkyl, or two R^{16} groups attached to the same nitrogen atom are combined to form a five- to eight-membered ring. Optionally, R^2 and R^4 are combined to form a five- to six-membered fused ring containing from 1 to 3 heteroatoms selected from N, O and S.

[0057] The subscript n is an integer of from 0 to 3, indicating the presence or absence of substituents on the phenyl ring core of formula I. Each of the R^4 substituents is independently selected from halogen, cyano, nitro, R^{17} , OR^{17} , SR^{17} , COR^{17} , CO_2R^{17} , $N(R^{17})_2$ and $CON(R^{17})_2$, wherein each R^{17} is independently selected from H, (C_1-C_8)alkyl, (C_3-C_8)alkenyl, (C_3-C_8)alkynyl, (C_2-C_8)heteroalkyl or halo(C_1-C_8)alkyl, or two R^{17} groups attached to the same nitrogen atom are combined to form a five- to eight-membered ring.

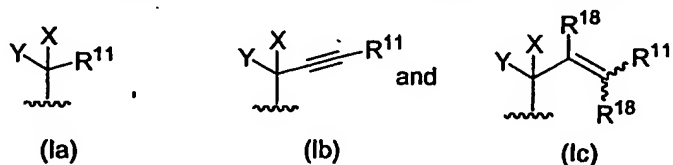
[0058] In addition to the compounds provided in formula I, pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof are also provided.

[0059] In one group of preferred embodiments, R^1 is selected from



and X is OH.

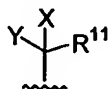
[0060] In another group of preferred embodiments, R^1 is selected from



and X is H.

[0061] Within each of these groups of preferred embodiments are several further preferred groups. Accordingly, in the discussion below, preferred embodiments are provided in which X is H or X is OH.

[0062] In one of these groups, R^1 is



(Ia)

wherein R^{11} is selected from phenyl, pyridyl, pyridazinyl, imidazolyl, thiazolyl, oxazolyl, pyrrolyl, tetrazolyl, indolyl, benzimidazolyl, benzothienyl and benzothiazolyl, each of these R^{11} groups being optionally substituted with from one to five substituents independently selected from halogen, cyano, nitro, (C_1-C_8) alkyl, (C_3-C_8) alkenyl, (C_3-C_8) alkynyl, (C_2-C_8) heteroalkyl, (C_1-C_8) haloalkyl, phenyl (C_1-C_6) alkyl and phenyl (C_2-C_6) heteroalkyl. In particularly preferred embodiments, Y is CF_3 .

[0063] In still further preferred embodiments, R^1 is a group of formula Ia in which R^{11} is phenyl, optionally substituted with from one to two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of halogen, cyano, nitro, (C_1-C_8) alkyl, (C_3-C_8) alkenyl, (C_3-C_8) alkynyl, (C_2-C_8) heteroalkyl, (C_1-C_8) haloalkyl, phenyl (C_1-C_6) alkyl and phenyl (C_2-C_6) heteroalkyl. The remaining groups R^2 , R^3 and R^4 also have certain preferred members. In particular, R^2 is preferably selected from H, (C_1-C_8) alkyl, (C_3-C_8) cycloalkyl and (C_4-C_8) cycloalkyl-alkyl, wherein any alkyl portions of R^2 are optionally substituted with from one to three substituents independently selected from halogen, nitro, cyano, hydroxy, oxo and amino. R^3 is preferably selected from phenyl, pyridyl, thienyl and thiazolyl, optionally substituted with from one to five substituents independently selected from the group consisting of halogen, cyano, nitro, R^{16} , OR^{16} , SR^{16} , COR^{16} , CO_2R^{16} , NHR^{16} , $N(R^{16})_2$, $CONHR^{16}$, $CON(R^{16})_2$, $NHSO_2R^{16}$, $NHC(O)R^{16}$, phenyl, phenyl (C_1-C_8) alkyl, and phenyl (C_2-C_8) heteroalkyl; wherein each R^{16} is independently selected from (C_1-C_8) alkyl, (C_3-C_8) alkenyl, (C_3-C_8) alkynyl, (C_2-C_8) heteroalkyl and halo (C_1-C_8) alkyl, or two R^{16} groups attached to the same nitrogen atom are combined to form a five- to eight-membered ring. The subscript n is preferably 0, 1, or 2 and each R^4 is preferably selected from halogen, (C_1-C_8) alkyl and halo (C_1-C_8) alkyl.

[0064] In another group of still further preferred embodiments, R^1 is a group of formula Ia in which R^{11} is pyrrolyl, optionally substituted with from one to two substituents independently selected from halogen, nitro, cyano, (C_1-C_8) alkyl, (C_3-C_8) alkenyl, (C_3-C_8) alkynyl, (C_2-C_8) heteroalkyl, (C_1-C_8) haloalkyl, phenyl (C_1-C_6) alkyl and phenyl (C_2-C_6) heteroalkyl. Preferred members of the remaining groups R^2 , R^3 and R^4 are the same as have been described above for the embodiments in which R^{11} is phenyl.

[0065] Another group of preferred embodiments are those compounds of formula I in which R^1 is



(Ib)

wherein R¹¹ is selected from phenyl, pyridyl, pyridazinyl, imidazolyl, thiazolyl, oxazolyl, pyrrolyl, tetrazolyl, indolyl, benzimidazolyl, benzothienyl and benzothiazolyl, each of these R¹¹ groups being optionally substituted with from one to five substituents independently selected from halogen, cyano, nitro, (C₁-C₈)alkyl, (C₃-C₈)alkenyl, (C₃-C₈)alkynyl, (C₂-C₈)heteroalkyl, (C₁-C₈)haloalkyl, phenyl(C₁-C₆)alkyl and phenyl(C₂-C₆)heteroalkyl. In particularly preferred embodiments, Y is CF₃.

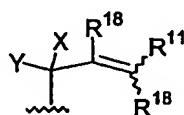
[0066] In still further preferred embodiments, R¹ is a group of formula Ib in which R¹¹ is phenyl, optionally substituted with from one to two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of halogen, cyano, nitro, (C₁-C₈)alkyl, (C₃-C₈)alkenyl, (C₃-C₈)alkynyl, (C₂-C₈)heteroalkyl, (C₁-C₈)haloalkyl, phenyl(C₁-C₆)alkyl and phenyl(C₂-C₆)heteroalkyl. The remaining groups R², R³ and R⁴ also have certain preferred members. In particular, R² is preferably selected from H, (C₁-C₈)alkyl, (C₃-C₈)cycloalkyl and (C₄-C₈)cycloalkyl-alkyl, wherein any alkyl portions of R² are optionally substituted with from one to three substituents independently selected from halogen, nitro, cyano, hydroxy, oxo and amino. R³ is preferably selected from phenyl, pyridyl, thienyl and thiazolyl, optionally substituted with from one to five substituents independently selected from the group consisting of halogen, cyano, nitro, R¹⁶, OR¹⁶, SR¹⁶, COR¹⁶, CO₂R¹⁶, NHR¹⁶, N(R¹⁶)₂, CONHR¹⁶, CON(R¹⁶)₂, NHSO₂R¹⁶, NHC(O)R¹⁶, phenyl, phenyl(C₁-C₈)alkyl, and phenyl(C₂-C₈)heteroalkyl; wherein each R¹⁶ is independently selected from (C₁-C₈)alkyl, (C₃-C₈)alkenyl, (C₃-C₈)alkynyl, (C₂-C₈)heteroalkyl and halo(C₁-C₈)alkyl, or two R¹⁶ groups attached to the same nitrogen atom are combined to form a five- to eight-membered ring. The subscript n is preferably 0, 1, or 2 and each R⁴ is preferably selected from halogen, (C₁-C₈)alkyl and halo(C₁-C₈)alkyl.

[0067] In another group of still further preferred embodiments, R¹ is a group of formula Ib in which R¹¹ is pyridyl, optionally substituted with from one to two substituents independently selected from halogen, cyano, nitro, (C₁-C₈)alkyl, (C₃-C₈)alkenyl, (C₃-C₈)alkynyl, (C₂-C₈)heteroalkyl, (C₁-C₈)haloalkyl, phenyl(C₁-C₆)alkyl and phenyl(C₂-C₆)heteroalkyl. Preferred members of the remaining groups R², R³ and R⁴ are the same as have been described above for the embodiments in which R¹¹ is phenyl.

[0068] In yet another group of still further preferred embodiments, R¹ is a group of formula Ib in which R¹¹ is pyridazinyl or pyrrolyl, optionally substituted with from one to two substituents independently selected from halogen, cyano, nitro, (C₁-C₈)alkyl, (C₃-C₈)alkenyl, (C₃-C₈)alkynyl, (C₂-C₈)heteroalkyl, (C₁-C₈)haloalkyl, phenyl(C₁-C₆)alkyl and

phenyl(C₂-C₆)heteroalkyl. Preferred members of the remaining groups R², R³ and R⁴ are the same as have been described above for the embodiments in which R¹¹ is phenyl.

[0069] Still another group of preferred embodiments are those compounds of formula I in which R¹ is



(Ic)

wherein R¹¹ is selected from phenyl, pyrrolyl, pyridyl and pyridazinyl, each of these R¹¹ groups being optionally substituted with from one to five substituents independently selected from halogen, cyano, nitro, (C₁-C₈)alkyl, (C₃-C₈)alkenyl, (C₃-C₈)alkynyl, (C₂-C₈)heteroalkyl, (C₁-C₈)haloalkyl, phenyl(C₁-C₆)alkyl and phenyl(C₂-C₆)heteroalkyl. In particularly preferred embodiments, Y is CF₃.

[0070] In still further preferred embodiments, R¹ is a group of formula Ic in which R¹¹ is phenyl, optionally substituted with from one to two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of halogen, cyano, nitro, (C₁-C₈)alkyl, (C₃-C₈)alkenyl, (C₃-C₈)alkynyl, (C₂-C₈)heteroalkyl, (C₁-C₈)haloalkyl, phenyl(C₁-C₆)alkyl and phenyl(C₂-C₆)heteroalkyl. The remaining groups R², R³ and R⁴ also have certain preferred members. In particular, R² is preferably selected from H, (C₁-C₈)alkyl, (C₃-C₈)cycloalkyl and (C₄-C₈)cycloalkyl-alkyl, wherein any alkyl portions of R² are optionally substituted with from one to three substituents independently selected from halogen, nitro, cyano, hydroxy, oxo and amino. R³ is preferably selected from phenyl, pyridyl, thienyl and thiazolyl, optionally substituted with from one to five substituents independently selected from the group consisting of halogen, cyano, nitro, R¹⁶, OR¹⁶, SR¹⁶, COR¹⁶, CO₂R¹⁶, NHR¹⁶, N(R¹⁶)₂, CONHR¹⁶, CON(R¹⁶)₂, NHSO₂R¹⁶, NHC(O)R¹⁶, phenyl, phenyl(C₁-C₈)alkyl, and phenyl(C₂-C₈)heteroalkyl; wherein each R¹⁶ is independently selected from (C₁-C₈)alkyl, (C₃-C₈)alkenyl, (C₃-C₈)alkynyl, (C₂-C₈)heteroalkyl and halo(C₁-C₈)alkyl, or two R¹⁶ groups attached to the same nitrogen atom are combined to form a five- to eight-membered ring. The subscript n is preferably 0, 1, or 2 and each R⁴ is preferably selected from halogen, (C₁-C₈)alkyl and halo(C₁-C₈)alkyl.

[0071] The most preferred compounds of the present invention are those provided in the Examples below.

[0072] Some of the compounds of Formula I may exist as stereoisomers, and the invention includes all active stereoisomeric forms of these compounds. In the case of optically active isomers, such compounds may be obtained from corresponding optically

active precursors using the procedures described above or by resolving racemic mixtures. The resolution may be carried out using various techniques such as chromatography, repeated recrystallization of derived asymmetric salts, or derivatization, which techniques are well known to those of ordinary skill in the art.

5 [0073] The compounds of the invention may be labeled in a variety of ways. For example, the compounds may contain radioactive isotopes such as, for example, ^3H (tritium) and ^{14}C (carbon-14). Similarly, the compounds may be advantageously joined, covalently or noncovalently, directly or through a linker molecule, to a wide variety of other compounds, which may provide pro-drugs or function as carriers, labels, adjuvants, coactivators,
10 stabilizers, *etc.* Such labeled and joined compounds are contemplated within the present invention.

[0074] In another aspect of the invention, pharmaceutical compositions are provided in which a compound of formula I is combined with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier or diluent. Particular compositions and methods for their use are provided in more detail below.

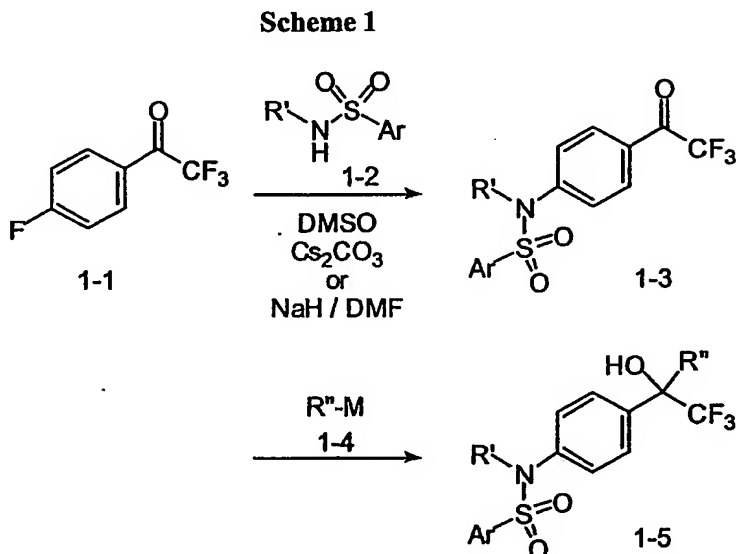
15 [0075] In yet another aspect, the present invention provides a method for modulating the action of an LXR receptor, preferably LXR α , in a cell. According to this method, the cell is contacted with a sufficient concentration of a composition containing a compound of formula I for either an agonistic or antagonistic effect to be detected. In preferred embodiments, the composition contains an amount of the compound which has been
20 determined to provide a desired therapeutic or prophylactic effect for a given LXR-mediated condition.

[0076] In still another aspect, the present invention provides methods for the treatment of pathology such as hypercholesterolemia, atherosclerosis, and hyperlipoproteinemia using pharmaceutical compositions containing compounds of the
25 foregoing description of the general Formula I. Briefly, this aspect of the invention involves administering to a patient an effective formulation of one or more of the subject compositions. In other embodiments, the compound of Formula I can be administered in combination with other anti-hypercholesterolemic agents (*e.g.*, a bile acid sequestrant, nicotinic acid, fibric acid derivatives or HMG CoA reductase inhibitors), or in combination
30 with other agents that affect cholesterol or lipid metabolism.

Preparation of the Compounds

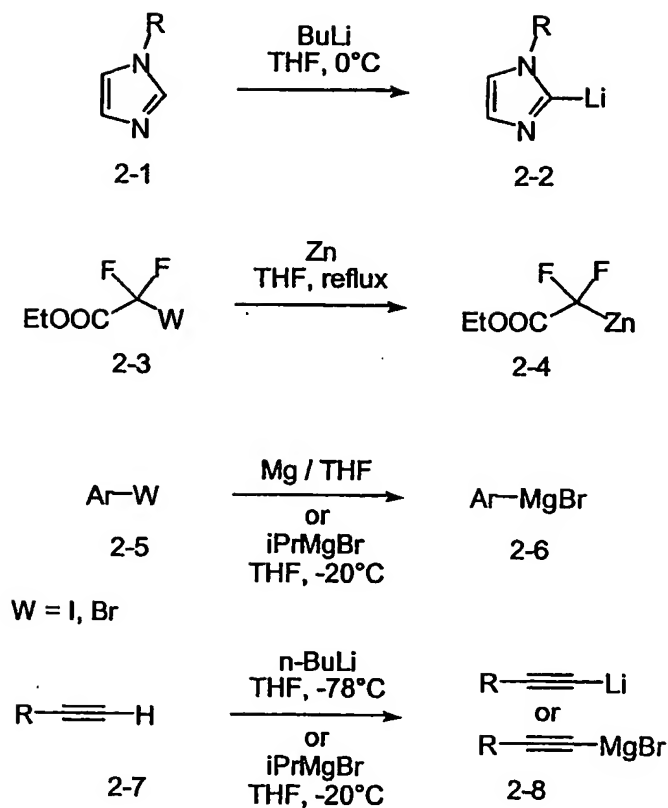
[0077] Several methods for preparing the compounds of the present invention are illustrated in the following schemes and examples. Starting materials are made by known procedures or as illustrated. One of skill in the art will understand that similar methods can be used for the synthesis of the compounds.

- 5 [0078] As shown in Scheme 1, compounds of the present invention can be prepared beginning with commercially available 1',1',1',4-tetrafluoroacetophenone (1-1). Treatment of 1-1 with an N-substituted arylsulfonamide (1-2) in the presence of a base such as potassium carbonate, cesium carbonate, or sodium hydride in a suitable solvent such as DMF or DMSO provides adduct 1-3. Treatment of 1-3 with organometal species 1-4 provides
- 10 compounds of formula 1-5.



- 15 [0079] Examples of suitable organometal compounds are shown in Scheme 2. As illustrated in Scheme 2, a heterocycle, for example, 1-alkylimidazole 2-1, can be lithiated with n-butyllithium in THF or diethylether to give derivative 2-2. Also, bromodifluoroacetate or iododifluoroacetate can be converted into zinc species 2-4 by heating in the presence of zinc powder. An arylhalide or heteroarylhalide (2-5) can be
- 20 converted to organomagnesium species 2-6 by reaction with magnesium in THF or diethylether or reaction with isopropylmagnesium bromide. In addition, an alkyne can be lithiated with, for example, n-butyllithium in THF, or metalated with isopropylmagnesium bromide in THF.

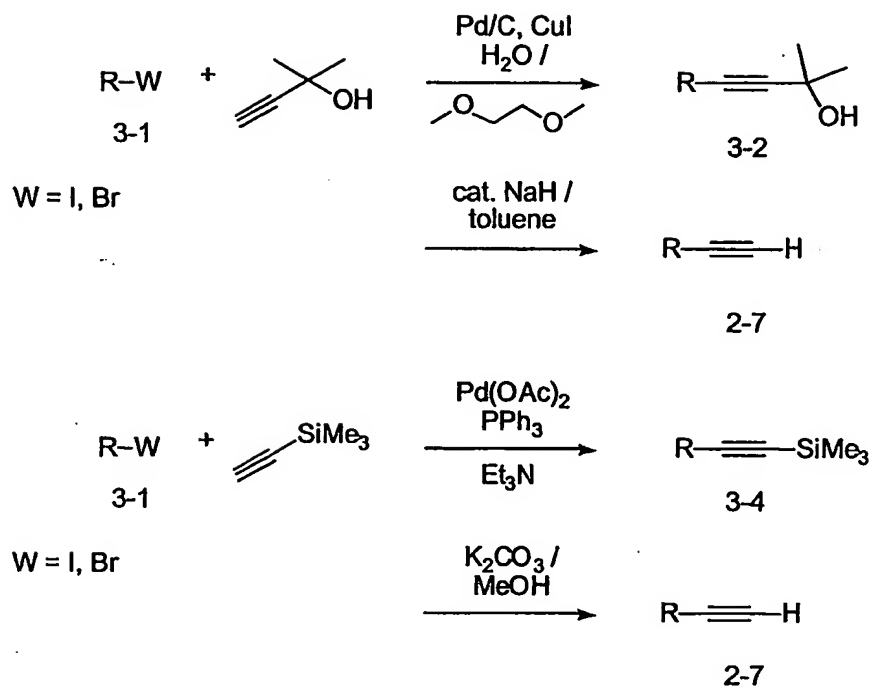
Scheme 2



[0080] The preparation of intermediate alkynes 2-7 is illustrated in Scheme 3. An alkyl, aryl or heteroaryl halide (3-1) can be coupled to 2-methyl-3-butyn-2-ol according to the procedure described in Bleicher *et al.* (1995) *Synlett* 1115-1116. Resulting alcohol 3-2, can be converted to alkyne 2-7 using a base such as sodium hydride in a suitable solvent such as toluene, according to the procedure described in Havens *et al.* (1985) *J. Org. Chem.*, 50:1763-1765.

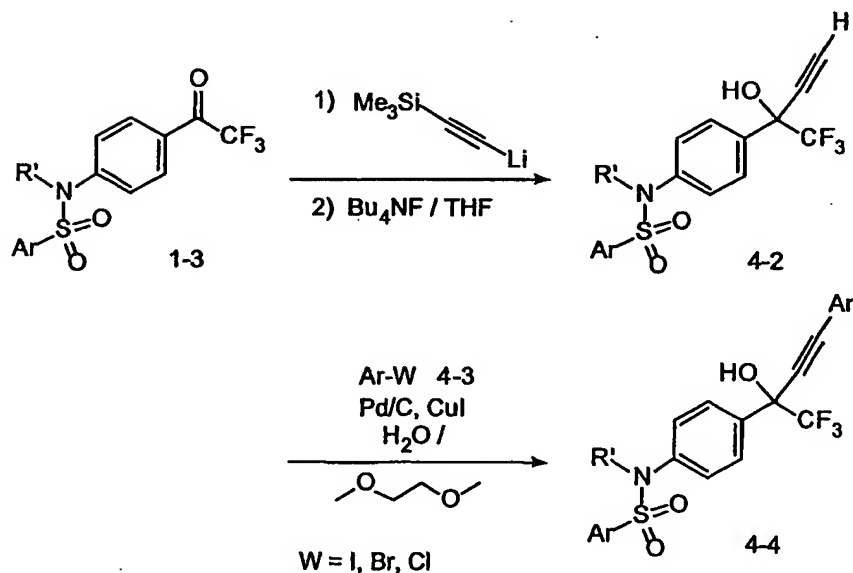
[0081] Alternatively an alkyl, aryl or heteroaryl halide can be coupled to ethynyltrimethylsilane via a Palladium mediated reaction to afford 3-4 (see, e.g., R. C. Larock; *Comprehensive Organic Transformations*, 2nd ed., John Wiley & Sons, New York, pp. 596-599, (1999)). Subsequent treatment of 3-4 with, for example, potassium carbonate in anhydrous methanol gives alkyne 2-7.

Scheme 3



[0082] An alternative preparation of the compounds of the present invention is shown in Scheme 4.

Scheme 4

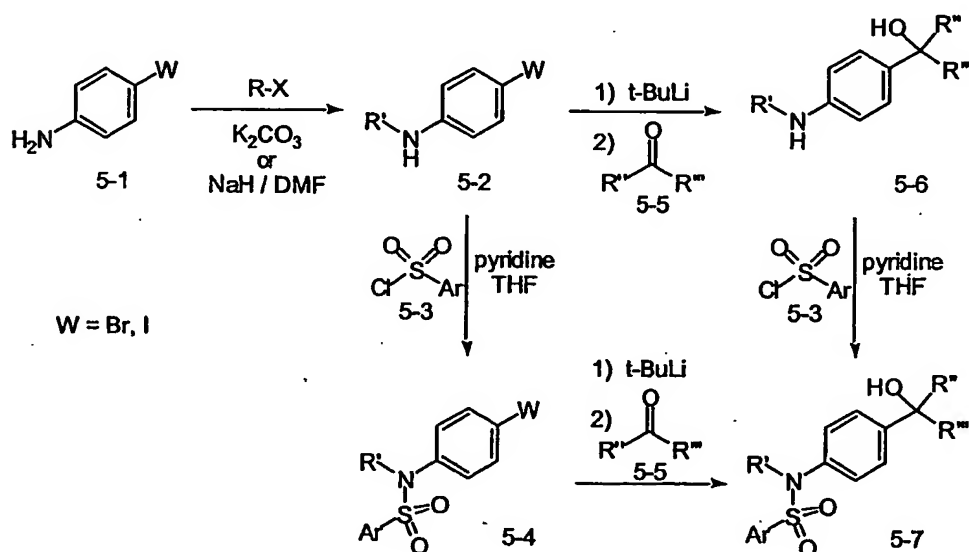


- 10 Trimethylsilyl-ethynyl lithium is added to 1-3 and the adduct subsequently treated with tetrabutyl ammonium fluoride in THF to give ethynyl derivative 4-2. This derivative can be

reacted with an alkyl, aryl or heteroaryl halide using the procedure described by Bleicher *et al.* (1995) *Synlett*, 1115-1116 or a similar Palladium mediated coupling reaction (*see, e.g., R. C. Larock; Comprehensive Organic Transformations, 2nd ed., John Wiley & Sons, New York, pp. 596-599, (1999)*) to afford 4-4.

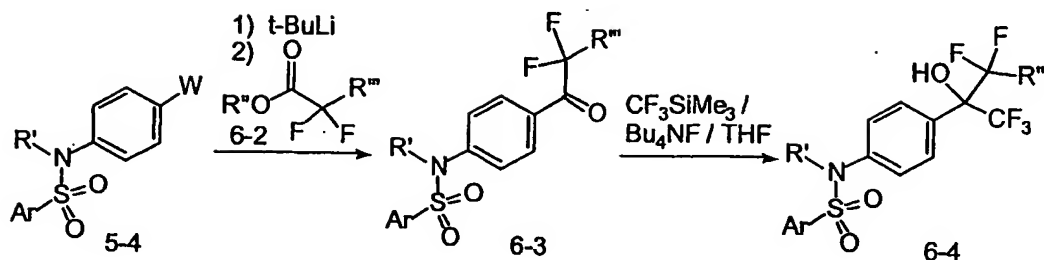
[0083] Another alternative synthesis of the compounds of the present invention is shown in Scheme 5. A haloaniline (5-1) can be alkylated, acylated or arylated (general addition of R-group) to form 5-2. 5-2 can be sulfonylated with, for example, an appropriate sulfonyl halide (5-3) to form 5-4. Halo-substituted arylsulfonamide 5-4 can be converted to alcohol 5-7 upon treatment with *t*-butyllithium followed by ketone 5-5. Alternatively, 5-2 can be converted to 5-6 upon treatment with *t*-butyllithium followed by ketone 5-5. Alcohol 5-6 can be sulfonylated to form compounds of formula 5-7.

Scheme 5



[0084] The synthesis of compounds possessing the general formula 6-4 is shown in Scheme 6. Halo-substituted arylsulfonamide 5-4 can be converted into fluoroketone 6-3 upon treatment with *t*-butyllithium followed by addition of α,α -difluoroester 6-2. Subsequent treatment of 6-3 with CF₃-TMS in the presence of tetrabutylammonium fluoride in THF (*see, e.g., G. K. S. Prakash in Synthetic Fluorine Chemistry; G. A. Olah et al., Eds. John Wiley, New York, 1992; Chapter 10*) provides compounds of formula 6-4.

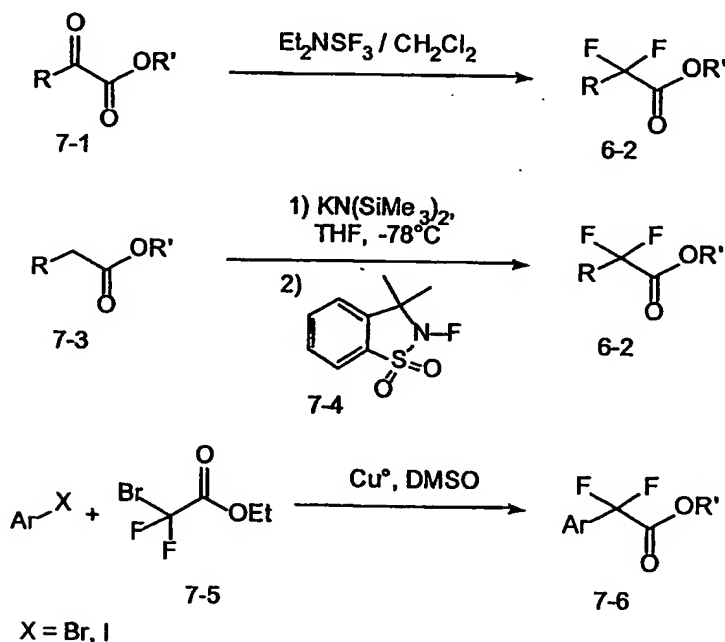
Scheme 6



- 5 [0085] Preparation of intermediate α,α -difluoroester 6-2 can be accomplished by a variety of methods, including the methods illustrated in Scheme 7. Ketoester 7-1 can be fluorinated with diethylaminosulfur trifluoride (DAST), as reviewed in Middleton (1975) *J. Org. Chem.* 40:574. Acetic acid ester 7-3 can be fluorinated by treatment with a strong base, such as potassium hexamethyldisilazide, followed by addition of a suitable fluorinating agent, such as 7-4 (see, e.g., Differding *et al.* (1991) *Tetrahedron Lett.* 32:1779). Alternatively, an aryl iodide or aryl bromide can be treated with ethyl bromodifluoroacetate (7-5) in the presence of copper metal to provide 7-6 (see, e.g., Eto *et al.* (2000) *Chem. Pharm. Bull.* 48:982).

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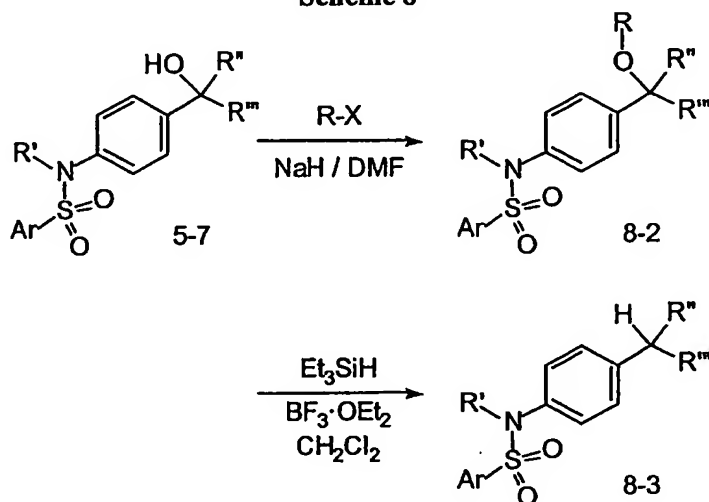
Scheme 7



[0086] As shown in Scheme 8, alcohols 5-7 can be alkylated in the presence of a base such as sodium hydride in a suitable solvent such as THF or DMF to give ethers 8-2 or deoxygenated to give 8-3 by using, *e.g.*, triethylsilane and $\text{BF}_3 \cdot \text{OEt}_2$.

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Scheme 8



Analysis of compounds

10 [0087] Representative compounds and compositions were demonstrated to have pharmacological activity in *in vitro* and *in vivo* assays, *e.g.*, they are capable of specifically modulating a cellular physiology to reduce an associated pathology or provide or enhance a prophylaxis.

[0088] Certain preferred compounds and compositions are capable of specifically
 15 regulating LXR. Compounds may be evaluated *in vitro* for their ability to activate LXR receptor function using biochemical assays (see co-pending applications Ser. Nos. 08/975,614 (filed November 21, 1997) and 09/163,713 (filed September 30, 1998)), or in cell-based assays such as that described in Lehmann, et al. (*J. Biol. Chem.* 1997, 272(6), 3137-3140). Alternatively, the compounds and compositions can be evaluated for their
 20 ability to increase or decrease gene expression modulated by LXR, using western-blot analysis. Established animal models to evaluate hypocholesterolemic effects of the compounds are also known in the art. For example, compounds disclosed herein can lower cholesterol levels in hamsters fed a high-cholesterol diet, using a protocol similar to that described in Spady et al. (*J. Clin. Invest.* 1988, 81, 300), Evans et al. (*J. Lipid Res.* 1994, 35,
 25 1634), and Lin et al. (*J. Med. Chem.* 1995, 38, 277). Still further, $\text{LXR}\alpha$ animal models (*e.g.*,

LXR α (+/-) and (-/-) mice) can be used for evaluation of the present compounds and compositions (see, for example, Peet, et al. *Cell* 1998, 93, 693-704).

[0089] Accordingly, as used herein, the term "LXR-modulating amount" refers to that amount of a compound that is needed to produce a desired effect in any one of the cell-based assays, biochemical assays or animal models described above. Typically, an LXR-modulating amount of a compound will be at least that amount which exhibits an EC₅₀ in a reporter-gene cell-based assay (relative to an untreated control).

Formulation and administration of compounds and pharmaceutical compositions

10 [0090] The invention provides methods of using the subject compounds and compositions to treat disease or provide medicinal prophylaxis, to activate LXR receptor function in a cell, to reduce blood cholesterol concentration in a host, to slow down and/or reduce the abnormal cellular proliferation including the growth of tumors, *etc.* These methods generally involve contacting the cell or cells with or administering to a host an effective amount of the subject compounds or pharmaceutically acceptable compositions.

15 [0091] The compositions and compounds of the invention and the pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof can be administered in any effective way such as via oral, parenteral or topical routes. Generally, the compounds are administered in dosages ranging from about 2 mg up to about 2,000 mg per day, although variations will necessarily occur depending on the disease target, the patient, and the route of administration. Preferred dosages are administered orally in the range of about 0.05 mg/kg to about 20 mg/kg, more preferably in the range of about 0.05 mg/kg to about 2 mg/kg, most preferably in the range of about 0.05 mg/kg to about 0.2 mg per kg of body weight per day.

20 [0092] In one embodiment, the invention provides the subject compounds combined with a pharmaceutically acceptable excipient such as sterile saline or other medium, water, gelatin, an oil, *etc.* to form pharmaceutically acceptable compositions. The compositions and/or compounds may be administered alone or in combination with any convenient carrier, diluent, *etc.* and such administration may be provided in single or multiple dosages. Useful carriers include solid, semi-solid or liquid media including water and non-toxic organic solvents.

30 [0093] In another embodiment, the invention provides the subject compounds in the form of a pro-drug, which can be metabolically converted to the subject compound by the recipient host. A wide variety of pro-drug formulations are known in the art.

[0094] The compositions may be provided in any convenient form including tablets, capsules, lozenges, troches, hard candies, powders, sprays, creams, suppositories, *etc.* As such the compositions, in pharmaceutically acceptable dosage units or in bulk, may be incorporated into a wide variety of containers. For example, dosage units may be included in a variety of containers including capsules, pills, *etc.*

[0095] The compositions may be advantageously combined and/or used in combination with other hypocholesterolemic therapeutic or prophylactic agents, different from the subject compounds. In many instances, administration in conjunction with the subject compositions enhances the efficacy of such agents. Exemplary hypocholesterolemic and/or hypolipemic agents include: bile acid sequestrants such as quaternary amines (*e.g.* cholestyramine and colestipol); nicotinic acid and its derivatives; HMG-CoA reductase inhibitors such as mevastatin, pravastatin, and simvastatin; gemfibrozil and other fibric acids, such as clofibrate, fenofibrate, benzafibrate and ciprofibrate; probucol; raloxifene and its derivatives; and mixtures thereof.

[0096] The compounds and compositions also find use in a variety of *in vitro* and *in vivo* assays, including diagnostic assays. For example, various allotypic LDL receptor gene expression processes may be distinguished in sensitivity assays with the subject compounds and compositions, or panels thereof. In certain assays and in *in vivo* distribution studies, it is desirable to use labeled versions of the subject compounds and compositions, *e.g.* radioligand displacement assays. Accordingly, the invention provides the subject compounds and compositions comprising a detectable label, which may be spectroscopic (*e.g.* fluorescent), radioactive, *etc.*

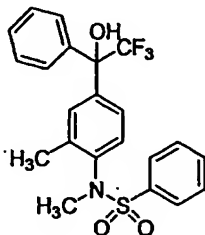
[0097] The following examples are offered by way of illustration and not by way of limitation.

EXAMPLES

[0098] ¹H-NMR spectra were recorded on a Varian Gemini 400 MHz NMR spectrometer. Significant peaks are tabulated and typically include: number of protons, multiplicity (s, singlet; d, doublet; t, triplet; q, quartet; m, multiplet; br s, broad singlet) and coupling constant(s) in Hertz. Electron Ionization (EI) mass spectra were recorded on a Hewlett Packard 5989A mass spectrometer. Mass spectrometry results are reported as the ratio of mass over charge, followed by the relative abundance of each ion (in parentheses). Starting materials in the synthesis examples below are either available from commercial sources such as Aldrich Chemical Co., Milwaukee, Wisconsin, USA, or via literature

procedures. Abbreviations used in the examples below have their accepted meanings in the chemical literature. For example, THF (tetrahydrofuran), Et₂O (diethyl ether), MeOH (methanol), CH₂Cl₂ (methylene chloride), LDA (lithium diisopropylamide), MeCN (acetonitrile), and DMAP (4-dimethylaminopyridine).

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Example 1**1**

[0099] N-Methyl-N-[2-methyl-4-(2,2,2-trifluoro-1-hydroxy-1-phenethyl)]-
10 benzenesulfonamide

Step A. N-Methyl-4-bromo-2-methylaniline

[0100] To a solution of 2.03 g (10.91 mmol) of 4-bromo-2-methylaniline in 40 ml of DMF was added 2.07 g (14.98 mmol) of K₂CO₃ and 0.63 ml (10.12 mmol) of iodomethane, and the
15 mixture was stirred at room temperature for 14 hours. After this time, the reaction mixture was quenched by the addition of a saturated aqueous solution of ammonium chloride and extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over MgSO₄, filtered and the filtrate was concentrated. The residue was purified by chromatography on silica gel (hexanes : EtOAc, 20 : 1) to give the title compound. ¹H-NMR
20 (CDCl₃) δ 2.18 (s, 3H), 2.90 (s, 3H), 3.60 (brs, 1H), 6.49 (d, J=8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (s, 1H), 7.29 (d, J=8.5 Hz, 1H).

Step B. N-Methyl-N-(4-methoxybenzyl)-4-bromo-2-methylaniline

[0101] To a solution of 2.7 g (13.57 mmol) of N-methyl-4-bromo-2-methylaniline in 20 ml
25 of DMF at room temperature was added 608 mg (15.2 mmol) of NaH and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 0.5h. After this time, 2.05 ml (15.1 mmol) of 4-methoxybenzyl chloride was added and the reaction mixture was heated to 60 °C for 12 hours. After this time, the reaction mixture was allowed to cool to room temperature and was

quenched by the addition of a saturated aqueous solution of ammonium chloride and extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over MgSO₄, filtered and the filtrate was concentrated. The residue was purified by chromatography (silica, hexanes : EtOAc, 20 : 1) to give the title compound. ¹H-NMR

5 (CDCl₃) δ 2.41 (s, 3H), 2.58 (s, 3H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 3.98 (s, 2H), 6.89-6.94 (m, 3H), 7.26-7.36 (m, 4H).

Step C. 2,2,2-Trifluoro-1-(3-methyl-4-methylaminophenyl)-1-phenyl-ethanol

[0102] To a solution of 1.03 g (3.23 mmol) of N-(4-bromo-2-methylphenyl)-N-methyl-
10 benzenesulfonamide in 30 ml THF at -78°C was added dropwise 3.9 ml (6.63 mmol) of a 1.7M solution of tert-BuLi in hexanes and the resultant mixture was stirred at -78°C for 0.5h. To this mixture was then added 0.66 ml (4.7 mmol) of 2,2,2-trifluoroacetophenone and the mixture stirred at -78 °C for an additional 0.5h. The reaction was quenched by the addition of a saturated aqueous solution of ammonium chloride, allowed to warm to room
15 temperature, and extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over MgSO₄, filtered and the filtrate was concentrated. 253 mg (0.61 mmol) of this material and 3 ml of TFA was heated to 50°C for 4 hours. After this time, excess TFA was removed *in vacuo*, water was added and the mixture was neutralized by the addition of a saturated aqueous solution of NaHCO₃. The mixture was extracted with EtOAc and
20 combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over MgSO₄, filtered and the filtrate was concentrated. The residue was purified by chromatography (silica, hexanes : EtOAc, 3 : 1) to give the title compound. ¹H-NMR (CDCl₃) δ 2.12 (s, 3H), 2.92 (s, 3H), 6.57 (d, J=8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.16 (s, 1H), 7.16 (brs, 1H), 7.37-7.41 (m, 3H), 7.54-7.56 (m, 2H). Mass Spectrum (CI+) m/e = 296.1 (M+1).

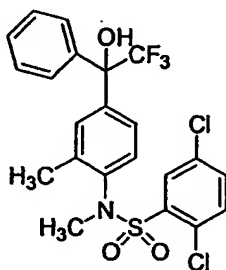
25 Step D. N-Methyl-N-[2-methyl-4-(2,2,2-trifluoro-1-hydroxy-1-phenethyl)]-benzenesulfonamide

[0103] A mixture of 27 mg (0.09 mmol) of 2,2,2-trifluoro-1-(3-methyl-4-methylaminophenyl)-1-phenyl-ethanol and 15 µl (0.12 mmol) of benzenesulfonyl chloride in
30 0.2 ml of pyridine was heated to 70°C for 13 hours. After this time the reaction mixture was allowed to cool to room temperature, quenched by the addition of a saturated aqueous solution of ammonium chloride, and extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over MgSO₄, filtered and the filtrate was concentrated. The

residue was purified by chromatography (silica, hexanes : EtOAc, 4 : 1) to give the title compound. $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (CDCl_3) δ 2.39 (s, 3H), 3.14 (s, 3H), 6.62 (d, $J=8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.13-7.26 (m, 1H), 7.39-7.42 (m, 4H), 7.50-7.56 (m, 4H), 7.62-7.65 (m, 1H), 7.74 (d, $J=8.5$ Hz, 2H). Mass Spectrum (CI^+) $m/e = 458.0$ ($M+23$).

- 5 [0104] The compounds of Examples 2-4 were prepared from 2,2,2-trifluoro-1-(3-methyl-4-methylaminophenyl)-1-phenyl-ethanol as described in Example 1, Step D, using an appropriate sulfonylchloride.

Example 2



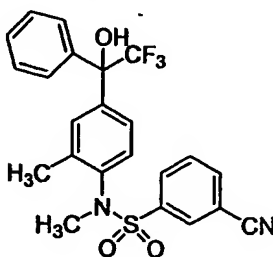
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10 [0105] 2,5-Dichloro-N-Methyl-N-[2-methyl-4-(2,2,2-trifluoro-1-hydroxy-1-phenethyl)]-benzenesulfonamide

[0106] $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (CDCl_3) δ 2.33 (s, 3H), 3.39 (s, 3H), 6.84 (d, $J=8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.14-7.25 (m, 1H), 7.38-7.40 (m, 4H), 7.45-7.51 (m, 4H), 7.85 (s, 1H). Mass Spectrum (CI^+) $m/e = 526.0$

15 ($M+23$).

Example 3

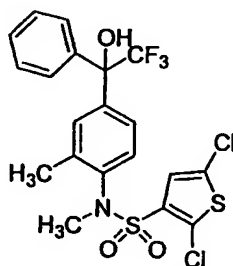


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20 [0107] 3-Cyano-N-Methyl-N-[2-methyl-4-(2,2,2-trifluoro-1-hydroxy-1-phenethyl)]-benzenesulfonamide

[0108] $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (CDCl_3) δ 2.37 (s, 3H), 3.18 (s, 3H), 6.58 (d, $J=8.4\text{Hz}$, 1H), 7.16-7.27(m, 1H), 7.40-7.44 (m, 3H), 7.50-7.52 (m, 3H), 7.67-7.71 (m, 1H), 8.02 (s, 1H). Mass Spectrum (CI-) $m/e = 459.0$ (M-1).

Example 4



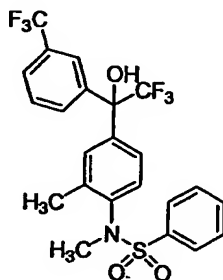
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[0109] 2,5-Dichlorothiophene-3-sulfonic acid-N-methyl-N-[2-methyl-4-(2,2,2-trifluoro-1-hydroxy-1-phenylethyl)-phenyl]-amide

[0110] $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (CDCl_3) δ 2.39 (s, 3H), 3.29 (s, 3H), 6.88 (d, $J=8.4\text{ Hz}$, 1H), 6.96 (s, 1H),

7.28-7.50 (m, 7H). Mass Spectrum (CI+) $m/e = 532.0$ (M+23).

Example 5



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[0111] N-Methyl-N-{2-methyl-4-[2,2,2-trifluoro-1-hydroxy-1-(3-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-ethyl]-phenyl}-benzenesulfonamide

Step A. 2,2,2-Trifluoromethyl-1-(3-methyl-4-methylaminophenyl)-1-(3-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-ethanol

[0112] To a solution of 1.03 g (5.17 mmol) of N-methyl-4-bromo-2-methylaniline

(Example 1, Step A) in 40 ml of THF at -78°C was added dropwise 9.4 ml (15.98 mmol) of a 1.7M solution of tert-BuLi in hexanes and the resultant mixture was stirred at -78°C for 30

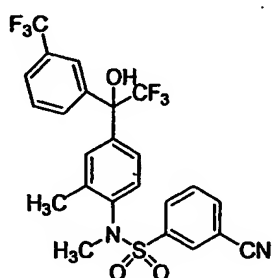
min. To this mixture was then added 0.85 ml (4.98 mmol) of 3-(trifluoromethyl)- α,α,α -trifluoroacetophenone and the mixture was stirred at -78°C for a 1.5 h. The reaction was quenched by the addition of a saturated aqueous solution of ammonium chloride, allowed to warm to room temperature, and extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over MgSO_4 , filtered and the filtrate was concentrated to give the title compound which was used without further purification.

Step B. N-Methyl-N-{2-methyl-4-[2,2,2-trifluoro-1-hydroxy-1-(3-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-ethyl]-phenyl}-benzenesulfonamide

[0113] The title compound was prepared from 2,2,2-trifluoromethyl-1-(3-methyl-4-methylaminophenyl)-1-(3-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-ethanol (Step A) and benzenesulfonyl chloride using the procedure described in Example 1, Step D. $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (CDCl_3) δ 2.41 (s, 3H), 3.15 (s, 3H), 6.64 (d, $J=8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.18 (brs, 1H), 7.42 (brs, 1H), 7.52-7.56 (m, 3H), 7.63-7.67 (m, 3H), 7.73 (d, $J=8.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.82 (s, 1H). Mass Spectrum (CI^+) $m/e = 526.0$ ($\text{M}+23$).

[0114] The compounds of Examples 6, 7 and 8 were prepared from 2,2,2-trifluoromethyl-1-(3-methyl-4-methylaminophenyl)-1-(3-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-ethanol and an appropriate sulfonyl chloride using the methods described in Example 1, Step D.

Example 6

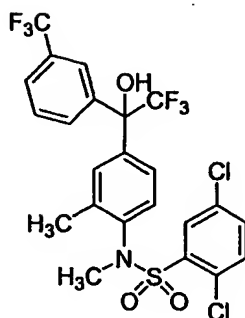


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[0115] 3-Cyano-N-methyl-N-{2-methyl-4-[2,2,2-trifluoro-1-hydroxy-1-(3-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-ethyl]-phenyl}-benzenesulfonamide

[0116] $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (CDCl_3) δ 2.39 (s, 3H), 3.19 (s, 3H), 6.62 (d, $J=8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.23 (brs, 1H), 7.45 (brs, 1H), 7.52-7.56 (m, 1H), 7.64-7.70 (m, 3H), 7.83 (s, 1H), 7.91-7.93 (m, 2H), 7.99-8.02 (m, 1H). Mass Spectrum (CI^-) $m/e = 527.2$ ($\text{M}-1$).

Example 7

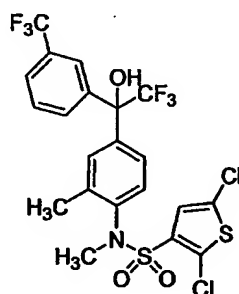


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[0117] 2,5-Dichloro-N-methyl-N-{2-methyl-4-[2,2,2-trifluoro-1-hydroxy-1-(3-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-ethyl]-phenyl}-benzenesulfonamide

[0118] ¹H-NMR (CDCl₃) δ 2.35 (s, 3H), 3.39 (s, 3H), 6.89 (d, J=8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.18-7.22 (m, 1H), 7.41 (brs, 1H), 7.48-7.53 (m, 3H), 7.60-7.66 (m, 2H), 7.83-7.86 (m, 2H). Mass Spectrum (CI+) m/e = 594.0 (M+23).

Example 8



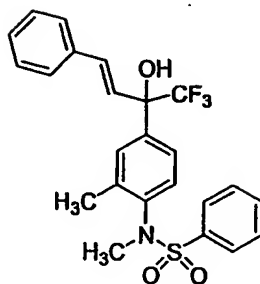
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[0119] 2,5-Dichloro-thiophene-3-sulfonic acid-N-methyl-N-{2-methyl-4-[2,2,2-trifluoro-1-hydroxy-1-(3-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-ethyl]-phenyl}-amide

[0120] ¹H-NMR (CDCl₃) δ 2.40 (s, 3H), 3.29 (s, 3H), 6.91 (d, J=8.4 Hz, 1H), 6.96 (s, 1H), 7.26-7.28 (m, 1H), 7.44-7.54 (m, 2H), 7.65 (d, J=7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.81 (s, 1H). Mass Spectrum (CI+) m/e = 600.0 (M+23).

[0121] The compounds of Examples 9-12 were prepared from N-methyl-4-bromo-2-methylaniline (Example 1, Step A) and *trans*-1,1,1-trifluoro-4-phenyl-3-buten-2-one (Aldrich Chemical Co.) as described in Example 5, Step A. Treatment of the resultant intermediate compounds with an appropriate sulfonyl chloride was carried out using methods described in Example 1, Step D.

Example 9



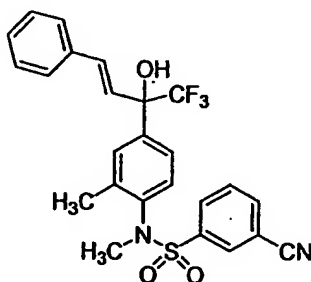
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[0122] N-[4-(1-Hydroxy-3-phenyl-1-trifluoromethyl-allyl)-2-methyl-phenyl]-N-methyl-
5 benzenesulfonamide

[0123] $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (CDCl_3) δ 2.44 (s, 3H), 3.15 (s, 3H), 6.65 (d, $J=8.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.68 (d, $J=16$
Hz, 1H), 6.91 (d, $J=16$ Hz, 1H), 7.33-7.46 (m, 4H), 7.59-7.76 (m, 6H), 7.93-7.96 (m, 2H).

Mass Spectrum (CI-) $m/e = 460.1$ (M-1).

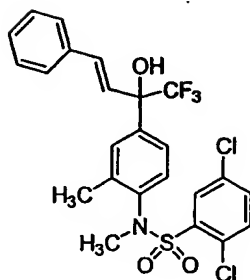
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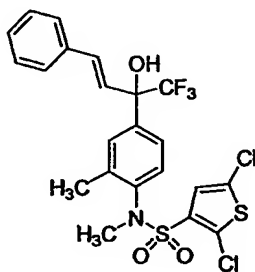
[0124] 3-Cyano-N-[4-(1-hydroxy-3-phenyl-1-trifluoromethyl-allyl)-2-methyl-phenyl]-N-
methyl-benzenesulfonamide

[0125] $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (CDCl_3) δ 2.43 (s, 3H), 3.20 (s, 3H), 6.63 (d, $J=8.4$ Hz, 1H), 6.69 (d, $J=16$
15 Hz, 1H), 6.92 (d, $J=16$ Hz, 1H), 7.28-7.47 (m, 5H), 7.60 (s, 1H), 7.69 (t, $J=7.9$ Hz, 1H), 7.91-
7.95 (m, 2H), 8.06 (s, 1H). Mass Spectrum (CI-) $m/e = 485.1$ (M-1).

Example 11**11**

5 [0126] 2,5-Dichloro-N-[4-(1-hydroxy-3-phenyl-1-trifluoromethyl-allyl)-2-methyl-phenyl]-N-methyl-benzenesulfonamide

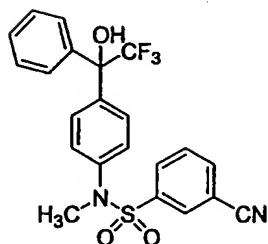
[0127] ¹H-NMR (CDCl₃) δ 2.38 (s, 3H), 3.41 (s, 3H), 6.66 (d, J=16 Hz, 1H), 6.88 (d, J=16 Hz, 1H), 6.90 (d, J=8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.34-7.39 (m, 4H), 7.43-7.55 (m, 5H), 7.87 (s, 1H). Mass Spectrum (CI-) m/e = 528.0 (M-1).

Example 12**12**

10 [0128] 2,5-Dichloro-thiophene-3-sulfonic acid [4-(1-hydroxy-3-phenyl-1-trifluoromethyl-allyl)-2-methyl-phenyl]-methyl-amide

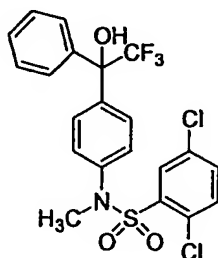
[0129] ¹H-NMR (CDCl₃) δ 2.44 (s, 3H), 3.30 (s, 3H), 6.69 (d, J=16.1 Hz, 1H), 6.88-6.97 (m, 3H), 7.33-7.47 (m, 6H), 7.59 (s, 1H). Mass Spectrum (CI-) m/e = 534.0 (M-1).

15 [0130] The compounds of Examples 13-15 were prepared from N-methyl-4-bromoaniline and 2,2,2-trifluoroacetophenone (Aldrich Chemical Co.) using methods similar to those of Example 5, Step A. Treatment of the resultant intermediate compounds with an appropriate sulfonyl chloride was carried out using methods described in Example 1, Step D.

Example 13**13**

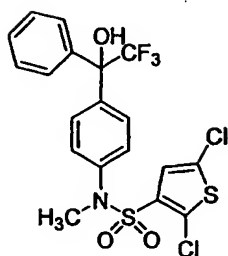
[0131] 3-Cyano-N-methyl-N-[4-(2,2,2-trifluoro-1-hydroxy-1-phenethyl)]-
5 benzenesulfonamide

[0132] ¹H-NMR (CDCl₃) δ 3.23 (s, 3H), 7.10 (d, J=8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.41-7.49 (m, 7H), 7.62 (t, J=7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.76-7.88 (m, 3H). Mass Spectrum (CI-) m/e = 445.1 (M-1).

Example 14**14**

[0133] 2,5-Dichloro-N-methyl-N-[4-(2,2,2-trifluoro-1-hydroxy-1-phenethyl)]-
10 benzenesulfonamide

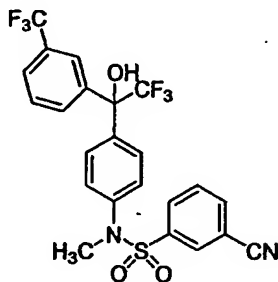
[0134] ¹H-NMR (CDCl₃) δ 3.42 (s, 3H), 7.23 (d, J=8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.37-7.46 (m, 9H), 7.88 (s, 1H). Mass Spectrum (CI-) m/e = 488.1 (M-1).

Example 15**15**

[0135] 2,5-Dichlorothiophene-3-sulfonic acid methyl-[4-(2,2,2-trifluoro-1-hydroxy-1-phenyl-ethyl)-phenyl]-amide

[0136] ¹H-NMR (CDCl₃) δ 3.34 (s, 3H), 6.86 (s, 1H), 7.23 (d, J=8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.39-7.51 (m, 7H). Mass Spectrum (CI-) m/e = 494.0 (M-1).

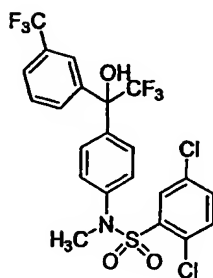
[0137] The compounds of Examples 16-18 were prepared from N-methyl-4-bromoaniline and 2,2,2-trifluoro-3'-(trifluoromethyl)acetophenone (Aldrich Chemical Co.) using methods similar to those of Example 5, Step A. Treatment of the resultant intermediate compounds with an appropriate sulfonyl chloride was carried out using methods described in Example 1, Step D.

Example 16**16**

[0138] 3-Cyano-N-methyl-N-{4-[2,2,2-trifluoro-1-hydroxy-1-(3-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-ethyl]-phenyl}-benzenesulfonamide

[0139] ¹H-NMR (CDCl₃) δ 3.23 (s, 3H), 7.14 (d, J=8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.15-7.88 (m, 10 H). Mass Spectrum (CI-) m/e = 513.2 (M-1).

Example 17

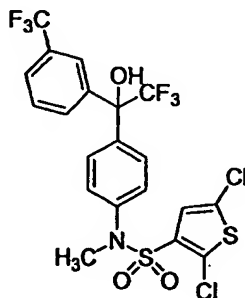


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[0140] 2,5-Dichloro-N-methyl-N-{4-[2,2,2-trifluoro-1-hydroxy-1-(3-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-ethyl]}-benzenesulfonamide

[0141] $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (CDCl_3) δ 3.43 (s, 3H), 7.27-7.29 (m, 2H), 7.41-7.92 (m, 9H). Mass Spectrum (CI-) $m/e = 556.1$ (M-1).

Example 18

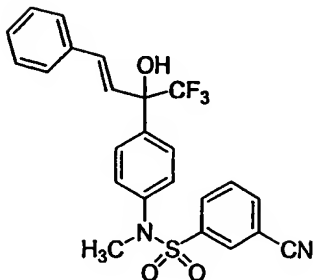


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[0142] 2,5-Dichlorothiophene-3-sulfonic acid methyl-{4-[2,2,2-trifluoro-1-hydroxy-1-(3-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-ethyl]}-phenyl}-amide

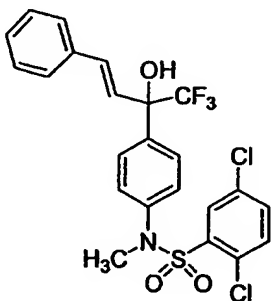
[0143] $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (CDCl_3) δ 3.34 (s, 3H), 6.89 (s, 1H), 7.27-7.29 (m, 2H), 7.48-7.55 (m, 3H), 7.66 (d, $J=7.7$ Hz, 2H), 7.73 (s, 1H). Mass Spectrum (CI-) $m/e = 562.1$ (M-1).

[0144] The compounds of Examples 19-21 were prepared from N-methyl-4-bromoaniline and *trans*-1,1,1-trifluoro-4-phenyl-3-buten-2-one (Aldrich Chemical Co.) using methods similar to those of Example 5, Step A. Treatment of the resultant intermediate compound with an appropriate sulfonyl chloride was carried out using methods described in Example 1, Step D.

Example 19**19**

[0145] 3-Cyano-N-[4-(1-hydroxy-3-phenyl-1-trifluoromethyl-allyl)-phenyl]-N-methyl-
 5 benzenesulfonamide

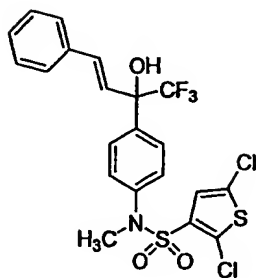
[0146] $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (CDCl_3) δ 3.24 (s, 3H), 6.71 (d, $J=16$ Hz, 1H), 6.91 (d, $J=16$ Hz, 1H), 7.15 (d, $J=8.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.34-7.47 (m, 5H), 7.61-7.65 (m, 3H), 7.74-7.76 (m, 1H), 7.86-7.89 (m, 2H). Mass Spectrum (CI-) $m/e = 471.2$ (M-1).

Example 20**20**

[0147] 2,5-Dichloro-N-[4-(1-hydroxy-3-phenyl-1-trifluoromethyl-allyl)-phenyl]-N-methyl-
 benzenesulfonamide

[0148] $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (CDCl_3) δ 3.44 (s, 3H), 6.68 (d, $J=16.1$ Hz, 1H), 6.85 (d, $J=16.1$ Hz, 1H),
 15 7.27-7.44 (m, 9H), 7.61 (d, $J=8.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.91 (s, 1H). Mass Spectrum (CI-) $m/e = 514.1$ (M-1).

Example 21

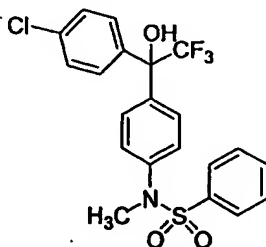


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[0149] 2,5-Dichlorothiophene-3-sulfonic acid [4-(1-hydroxy-3-phenyl-1-trifluoromethyl-allyl)-phenyl]-methyl-amide

[0150] ¹H-NMR (CDCl₃) δ 3.36 (s, 3H), 6.71 (d, J=16.2 Hz, 1H), 6.87 (d, J=15.9 Hz, 1H), 6.88 (s, 1H), 7.28-7.45 (m, 7H), 7.65 (d, J=8.6 Hz, 2H). Mass Spectrum (CI-) m/e = 520.0 (M-1).

Example 22



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[0151] N-{4-[1-(4-Chlorophenyl)-2,2,2-trifluoro-1-hydroxy-ethyl]-phenyl}-N-methyl-benzenesulfonamide

Step A. N-Methyl-N-(4-trifluoroacetyl-phenyl)-benzenesulfonamide

[0152] To a suspension of 0.26g of NaH 60% in mineral oil) in 5mL of DMF was slowly added a solution of 0.98g of N-methyl benzenesulfonamide in 4mL of DMF at 0°C. After the addition, the reaction mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature. After 1h a solution of 1g of 1,1,1,4'-tetrafluoroacetophenone in 1mL of DMF was added and the reaction mixture was stirred at 60°C for 12h. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure, the residue was dissolved in AcOEt (80 mL) and washed with sat. NaHCO₃ solution (2 x 20 mL) and brine (20 mL). The organic layer was dried over MgSO₄, filtered and the

filtrate was concentrated. The residue was purified by flash chromatography on silica (ethyl acetate / hexane = 1/1) to give the title compound. ¹H-NMR (CDCl₃) δ 3.27 (s, 3 H), 7.37 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 2 H), 7.48-7.63 (m, 5 H), 8.04 (d, J = 6 Hz, 2 H). Mass Spectrum (CI+) m/e = 344 (M+1).

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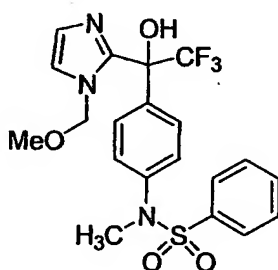
Step B. N-{4-[1-(4-Chlorophenyl)-2,2,2-trifluoro-1-hydroxy-ethyl]-phenyl}-N-methyl-benzenesulfonamide

[0153] To a solution of 0.2g of N-methyl-N-(4-trifluoroacetyl-phenyl)-benzenesulfonamide in 10mL of THF were added 0.7mL of a 1M solution 4-chlorophenyl magnesium bromide at -78⁰ C. The resulting mixture was stirred at -78⁰ C for 4 hr. After this time, the reaction mixture was quenched by the addition of a saturated aqueous solution of ammonium chloride and extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over MgSO₄, filtered and the filtrate was concentrated. The residue was purified by chromatography on silica gel (hexanes : EtOAc, 7 : 1) to give the title compound. ¹H-NMR (CDCl₃) δ 2.96 (br s, 1 H), 3.17 (s, 3 H), 7.10-7.59 (m, 13 H). Mass Spectrum (CI+) m/e = 456 (M+1).

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Example 23



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[0154] N-Methyl-N-{4-[2,2,2-trifluoro-1-hydroxy-1-(1-methoxymethyl-1H-imidazol-2-yl)-ethyl]-phenyl}-benzenesulfonamide

Step A. 1-Methoxymethyl-1H-imidazole

[0155] To a solution of 1.06 g of imidazole (15.56 mmol) in 20 ml of THF at 0°C was

added 658 mg (16.45 mmol) of NaH (40% dispersion in oil) and the mixture was stirred at 0°C for 30 mins. After this time, 1.2 ml (15.7 mmol) of chloromethyl methyl ether were added and the mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature and stirred for 14 h. After

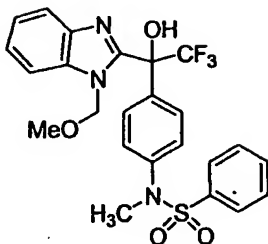
this time the reaction was quenched by the addition of a saturated aqueous solution of ammonium chloride, allowed to warm to room temperature, and extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over MgSO_4 , filtered and the filtrate was concentrated. The residue was purified by chromatography on silica gel (hexanes :

- 5 EtOAc, 1 : 1) to give the title compound. $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (CDCl_3) δ 3.21 (s, 3H), 5.18 (s, 2H), 7.00 (d, $J=19$ Hz, 2H), 7.54 (s, 1H).

Step B. N-Methyl-N-{4-[2,2,2-trifluoro-1-hydroxy-1-(1-methoxymethyl-1H-imidazol-2-yl)-ethyl]-phenyl}-benzenesulfonamide

- 10 [0156] To a solution of 55 mg (0.49 mmol) of 1-methoxymethyl-1H-imidazole in 5 ml of THF at -78°C was added 0.20 ml (0.50 mmol) of a 2.5 M solution of *n*-butyllithium in hexanes and the resultant mixture was stirred at -78°C for 30 mins. After this time, a solution of 160 mg (0.47 mmol) of N-methyl-N-(4-trifluoroacetyl-phenyl)-benzenesulfonamide (Example 22, Step A) in 2 ml of THF was added and the resultant
- 15 mixture stirred at -78°C for a further 2h, and then at room temperature for 14 h. After this time the reaction was quenched by the addition of a saturated aqueous solution of ammonium chloride and extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over MgSO_4 , filtered and the filtrate was concentrated. The residue was purified by chromatography on silica gel (hexanes : EtOAc, 4 : 1) to give the title compound. $^1\text{H-NMR}$
- 20 (CDCl_3) δ 3.09 (s, 3H), 3.19 (s, 3H), 4.90 (s, 2H), 5.16 (brs, 1H), 7.07-7.16 (m, 4H), 7.42-7.62 (m, 7H). Mass Spectrum (CI^+) $m/e = 456.1$ ($\text{M}+1$).

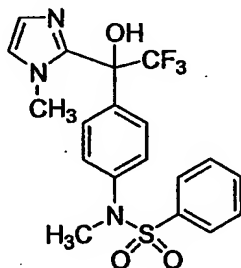
[0157] Example 24 was prepared from benzimidazole and N-methyl-N-(4-trifluoroacetyl-phenyl)-benzenesulfonamide (Example 22, Step A) following procedures described in Example 23.

Example 24**24**

[0158] N-Methyl-N-{4-[2,2,2-trifluoro-1-hydroxy-1-(1-methoxymethyl-1H-benzoimidazol-
5 2-yl)-ethyl]-phenyl}-benzenesulfonamide

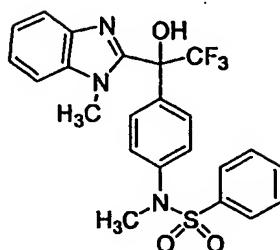
[0159] ¹H-NMR (CDCl₃) δ 3.12 (s, 3H), 3.19 (s, 3H), 5.10 (d, J=10.8 Hz, 1H), 5.26 (d, J=10.9 Hz, 1H), 7.15-7.17 (m, 2H), 7.36-7.59 (m, 1H). Mass Spectrum (CI⁺) m/e = 506.0 (M+1).

[0160] Examples 25 – 28 were prepared from the appropriate heterocycle and N-methyl-N-
10 (4-trifluoroacetyl-phenyl)-benzenesulfonamide (Example 22, Step A) following procedures described in Example 23, Step B.

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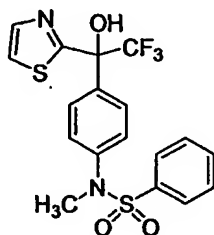
[0161] N-Methyl-N-{4-[2,2,2-trifluoro-1-hydroxy-1-(1-methyl-1H-imidazol-2-yl)-ethyl]-
15 phenyl}-benzenesulfonamide

[0162] ¹H-NMR (CDCl₃) δ 3.19 (s, 3H), 3.22 (s, 3H), 6.87 (s, 1H), 6.98 (s, 1H), 7.14 (d, J=8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.37 (d, J=8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.43-7.61 (m, 5H). Mass Spectrum (CI⁺) m/e = 426.0 (M+1).

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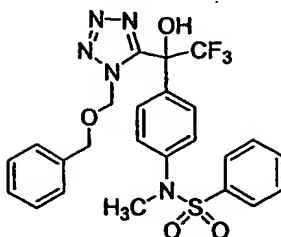
[0163] N-Methyl-N-{4-[2,2,2-trifluoro-1-hydroxy-1-(1-methyl-1H-benzoimidazol-2-yl)-ethyl]-phenyl}-benzenesulfonamide

[0164] ¹H-NMR (CDCl₃) δ 3.20 (s, 3H), 3.33 (s, 3H), 7.17-7.55 (m, 12H), 7.81 (d, J=7.5 Hz, 1H). Mass Spectrum (CI+) m/e = 476.0 (M+1).

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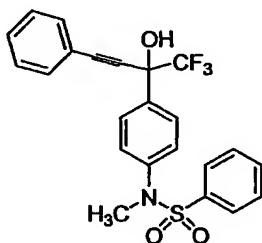
[0165] N-Methyl-N-{4-[2,2,2-trifluoro-1-hydroxy-1-(1-thiazol-2-yl)-ethyl]-phenyl}-benzenesulfonamide

[0166] ¹H-NMR (CDCl₃) δ 3.20 (s, 3H), 5.34 (brs, 1H), 7.18 (d, J=8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.46-7.59 (m, 6H), 7.75 (d, J=8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.85 (d, J=3.2 Hz, 1H). Mass Spectrum (CI+) m/e = 429.0 (M+1).

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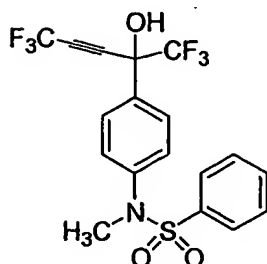
[0167] N-{4-[1-Benzoyloxymethyl-1-H-tetrazol-5-yl]-2,2,2-trifluoro-1-hydroxy-ethyl}-phenyl}-N-methyl-benzenesulfonamide

[0168] $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (CDCl_3) δ 3.20 (s, 3H), 4.73 (s, 2H), 6.01 (s, 2H), 7.18-7.21 (m, 2H), 7.32-7.61 (m, 10H), 7.84 (d, $J=8.7$ Hz, 2H). Mass Spectrum (CI^+) $m/e = 534.1$ ($M+1$).

Example 29**29**

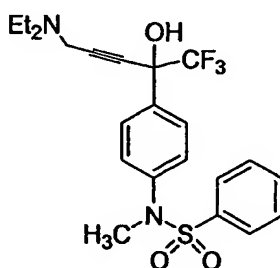
[0169] N-[4-(1-Hydroxy-3-phenyl-1-trifluoromethyl-prop-2-ynyl)-phenyl]-N-methyl-benzenesulfonamide

[0170] To a solution of 0.18 g of phenylacetylene (1.75 mmol) in 5 mL of THF was added dropwise 0.76 mL of $n\text{-BuLi}$ (2.5M in hexane) at -78°C . The color of the solution turned dark blue and the mixture was stirred at -78°C for 30 min. Then 0.5g of N-methyl-N-(4-trifluoroacetyl-phenyl)-benzenesulfonamide (Example 22, Step A) in 5 ml of THF was added and the resultant mixture stirred at -78°C for 2 h. After this time the reaction was quenched by the addition of a saturated aqueous solution of ammonium chloride and extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over MgSO_4 , filtered and the filtrate was concentrated. The residue was purified by chromatography on silica gel (hexanes : EtOAc, 7 : 3) to give the title compound. $^1\text{H NMR}$ (CDCl_3) δ 3.19 (s, 3 H), 3.26 (br s, 1 H), 7.17 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 2 H), 7.34-7.60 (m, 10 H), 7.74 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 2 H). Mass Spectrum (CI^+) $m/e = 446.0$ ($M+1$).

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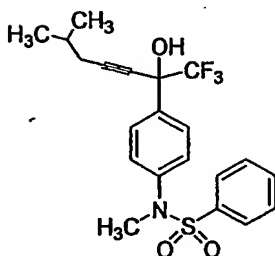
[0171] N-Methyl-N-[4-(4,4,4-trifluoro-1-hydroxy-1-trifluoromethyl-but-2-ynyl)-phenyl]-
benzenesulfonamide

[0172] The compound was prepared from N-methyl-N-(4-trifluoroacetyl-phenyl)-benzenesulfonamide (Example 22, Step A) and 3,3,3-trifluoroprop-1-yne following the procedure described in Example 29. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 3.19 (s, 3 H), 4.30 (br s, 1H), 7.11-7.63 (m, 9 H). Mass Spectrum (CI+) m/e = 438 (M+1).

Example 31**31**

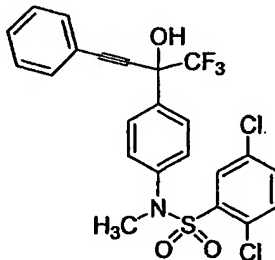
[0173] N-[4-(4-Diethylamino-1-hydroxy-1-trifluoromethyl-but-2-ynyl)-phenyl]-N-methyl-benzenesulfonamide

[0174] The compound was prepared from N-methyl-N-(4-trifluoroacetyl-phenyl)-benzenesulfonamide (Example 22, Step A) and 3-(diethylamino)-prop-1-yne following the procedure described in Example 29. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 1.09 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 6 H), 2.59 (q, J = 7.1 Hz, 4 H), 3.17 (s, 3 H), 3.52 (s, 2 H), 5.34 (brs, 1 H), 7.13 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2 H), 7.41-7.58 (m, 5 H), 7.66 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2 H). Mass Spectrum (CI+) m/e = 455 (M+1).

Example 32**32**

[0175] N-[4-(1-Hydroxy-5-methyl-1-trifluoromethyl-hex-2-ynyl)-phenyl]-N-methyl-
 5 benzenesulfonamide

[0176] The compound was prepared from N-methyl-N-(4-trifluoroacetyl-phenyl)-
 benzenesulfonamide (Example 22, Step A) and 4-methyl-pent-1-yne following the procedure
 described in Example 29. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 1.01 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 6 H), 1.90 (sept, J = 6.6
 Hz, 1 H), 2.21 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 2 H), 3.17 (s, 3 H), 3.24 (br s, 1 H), 7.12-7.68 (m, 9 H). Mass
 10 Spectrum (CI⁺) m/e = 426 (M+1).

Example 33**33**

[0177] 2,5-Dichloro-N-[4-(1-hydroxy-3-phenyl-1-trifluoromethyl-prop-2-ynyl)-phenyl]-N-
 15 methyl-benzenesulfonamide

Step A. N-Methyl-N-(4-trifluoroacetyl-phenyl)-benzenesulfonamide

[0178] The title compound was prepared from 1,1,1,4'-tetrafluoroacetophenone and 2,5-
 dichloro-N-methyl-benzenesulfonamide using methods similar to those described in Example

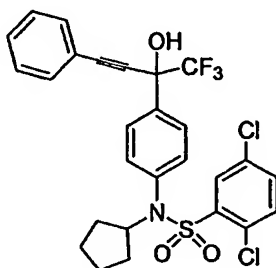
22 Step A. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 3.48 (s, 3 H), 7.41-8.05 (m, 7 H).

Step B. 2,5-Dichloro-N-[4-(1-hydroxy-3-phenyl-1-trifluoromethyl-prop-2-ynyl)-phenyl]-N-methyl-benzenesulfonamide

[0179] The title compound was prepared from N-methyl-N-(4-trifluoroacetyl-phenyl)-benzenesulfonamide using methods as described in Example 29. ¹H NMR (400 MHz,

5 CDCl₃) δ = 3.21 (brs, 1 H), 3.43 (s, 3 H), 7.3 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2 H), 7.34-7.53 (m, 7 H), 7.75 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2 H), 7.91 (s, 1 H). Mass Spectrum (CI⁺) m/e = 516 (M+1).

Example 34



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10 [0180] N-Cyclopentyl-2,5-dichloro-N-[4-(1-hydroxy-3-phenyl-1-trifluoromethyl-prop-2-ynyl)-phenyl]-benzenesulfonamide

Step A. 1-(4-Cyclopentylamino-phenyl)-2,2,2-trifluoro-ethanone

[0181] To a mixture of 3.94 g of 2,2,2,4'-tetrafluoroacetophenone (20.5 mmol) and 3.35 ml
 15 triethylamine (24.0 mmol) in 40 ml of acetonitrile at 0 °C were added 5.9 ml of cyclopentylamine (59.8 mmol). The reaction was allowed to warm to room temperature and then heated to reflux for 14 h. After this time the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature, concentrated and partitioned between water and EtOAc. The organic layer was dried over MgSO₄, filtered and the filtrate was concentrated. The residue was purified by
 20 chromatography on silica (hexanes : EtOAc, 4 : 1) to give the title compound. ¹H-NMR (CDCl₃) δ 1.53-1.57 (m, 2H), 1.69-1.78 (m, 4H), 2.08-2.13 (m, 2H), 3.88-3.95 (m, 1H), 4.63 (brs, 1H), 6.60 (d, J=8.9 Hz, 2H), 7.92 (d, J=8.9 Hz, 2H). Mass Spectrum (CI⁺) m/e = 258.1 (M+1).

25 Step B. 2-(4-Cyclopentylamino-phenyl)-1,1,1-trifluoro-4-phenylbut-3-yn-2-ol

[0182] To a solution of 0.4 ml of phenylacetylene (3.6 mmol in 10 ml of THF at -78 °C was added 1.9 ml (4.75 mmol) of a 2.5 M solution of *n*-butyllithium in hexanes. The color of the

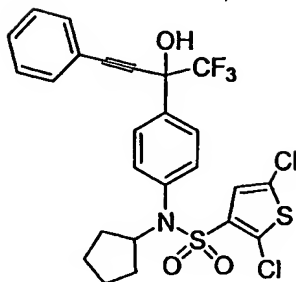
solution turned dark blue and the reaction mixture was stirred at -78°C for 30 min. After this time, a solution of 450 mg of 1-(4-cyclopentylamino-phenyl)-2,2,2-trifluoro-ethanone (1.75 mmol) in 2 ml of THF was added and the resultant mixture stirred at -78°C for 1.5 h before being allowed to warm to room temperature and stirred for a further 14h. After this time, the
5 reaction was quenched by the addition of a saturated aqueous solution of ammonium chloride and extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over MgSO_4 , filtered and the filtrate was concentrated. The residue was purified by chromatography on silica (hexanes : EtOAc, 3 : 1) to give the title compound. $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (CDCl_3) δ 1.48-1.56 (m, 2H), 1.68-1.76 (m, 4H), 2.03-2.14 (m, 2H), 3.76-3.85 (m, 1H), 6.65
10 (d, $J=8.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.36-7.82 (m, 10H). Mass Spectrum (CI^+) $m/e = 360.1$ ($M+1$).

Step C. 2,5-Dichloro-N-cyclopentyl-N-[4-(1-hydroxy-3-phenyl-1-trifluoromethyl-prop-2-ynyl)-phenyl]-benzenesulfonamide

[0183] A mixture of 53 mg of 2-(4-cyclopentylamino-phenyl)-1,1,1-trifluoro-4-phenyl-but-3-yn-2-ol (0.15 mmol) and 44 mg of 2,5-dichlorobenzenesulfonyl chloride (0.18 mmol) in 0.2 ml of pyridine was heated to 70°C for 14 hours. After this time the reaction mixture was allowed to cool to room temperature, quenched by the addition of a saturated aqueous solution of ammonium chloride, and extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over MgSO_4 , filtered and the filtrate was concentrated. The
20 residue was purified by chromatography on silica (hexanes : EtOAc, 4 : 1) to give the title compound. $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (CDCl_3) δ 1.36-1.58 (m, 6H), 1.97-2.07 (m, 2H), 4.73-4.78 (m, 1H), 7.18 (d, $J=8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.37-7.55 (m, 7H), 7.76 (d, $J=8.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.84 (d, $J=2.4$ Hz, 1H). Mass Spectrum (CI^+) $m/e = 590.0$ ($M+23$).

[0184] Examples 35 and 36 were prepared from 2-(4-cyclopentylamino-phenyl)-1,1,1-trifluoro-4-phenyl-but-3-yn-2-ol (described in Example 34, Step B) and an appropriate sulfonyl chloride using methodology as described in Example 34, Step C.
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Example 35

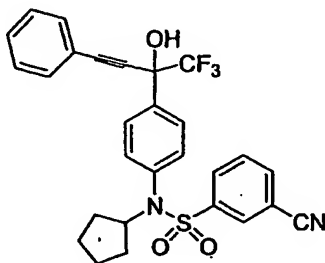


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[0185] 2,5-Dichloro-thiophene-3-sulfonic acid N-cyclopentyl[4-(1-hydroxy-3-phenyl-1-trifluoromethyl-prop-2-ynyl)-phenyl]-amide

[0186] ¹H-NMR (CDCl₃) δ 1.27-1.53 (m, 6H), 1.93-1.96 (m, 2H), 3.38 (brs, 1H), 4.61-4.68 (m, 1H), 6.95 (s, 1H), 7.20 (d, J=8.2 Hz, 2H), 7.37-7.44 (m, 3H), 7.55 (m, 2H), 7.83 (d, J=8.3 Hz, 2H). Mass Spectrum (CI+) m/e = 596.0(M+23).

Example 36

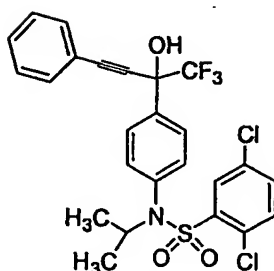


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[0187] 3-Cyano-N-cyclopentyl-N-[4-(1-hydroxy-3-phenyl-1-trifluoromethyl-prop-2-ynyl)-phenyl]-benzenesulfonamide

[0188] ¹H-NMR (CDCl₃) δ 1.25-1.36 (m, 2H), 1.48-1.52 (m, 4H), 1.86-1.88 (m, 2H), 4.23 (brs, 1H), 4.54-4.60 (m, 1H), 7.08 (d, J=8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.36-7.42 (m, 3H), 7.52-7.64 (m, 3H), 7.82-7.87 (m, 3H), 7.92-7.95 (m, 1H), 8.06 (s, 1H). Mass Spectrum (CI+) m/e = 547.1 (M+23).

Example 37



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[0189] 2,5-Dichloro-N-[4-(1-hydroxy-3-phenyl-1-trifluoromethyl-prop-2-ynyl)-phenyl]-N-isopropyl-benzenesulfonamide

Step A. 1-(4-Isopropylamino-phenyl)-2,2,2-trifluoro-ethanone

[0190] The title compound was prepared as described in Example 34, Step A, substituting isopropylamine for cyclopentylamine. ¹H-NMR (CDCl₃) δ 1.29 (d, J=6.3 Hz, 6H), 3.76-3.80 (m, 1H), 4.48 (brs, 1H), 6.58 (d, J=8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.93 (d, J=8.9 Hz, 2H). Mass Spectrum (CI+) m/e = 232 (M+1).

Step B. 2-(4-Isopropylamino-phenyl)-1,1,1-trifluoro-4-phenyl-but-3-yn-2-ol

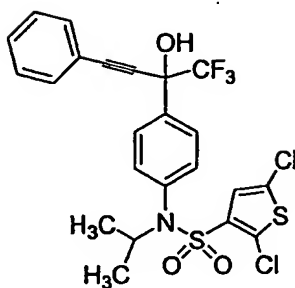
[0191] The title compound was prepared as described in Example 34, Step B. ¹H-NMR (CDCl₃) δ 1.25 (d, J=6.3 Hz, 6H), 3.36 (brs, 1H), 3.66-3.70 (m, 1H), 6.63 (d, J=8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.28-7.64 (m, 7H). Mass Spectrum (CI+) m/e = 334.1 (M+1).

Step C. 2,5-Dichloro-N-[4-(1-hydroxy-3-phenyl-1-trifluoromethyl-prop-2-ynyl)-phenyl]-N-isopropyl-benzenesulfonamide

[0192] The title compound was prepared from 2-(4-isopropylamino-phenyl)-1,1,1-trifluoro-4-phenyl-but-3-yn-2-ol using methods as described in Example 34, Step C. ¹H-NMR (CDCl₃) δ 1.20 (m, 6H), 4.73-4.78 (m, 1H), 7.18 (d, J=8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.38-7.55 (m, 7H), 7.78 (d, J=8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.86 (d, J=2.4 Hz, 1H). Mass Spectrum (CI+) m/e = 564.0 (M+23).

[0193] Examples 38 and 39 were prepared from 2-(4-isopropylamino-phenyl)-1,1,1-trifluoro-4-phenyl-but-3-yn-2-ol and appropriate sulfonyl chlorides using methods as described in Example 34, Step C.

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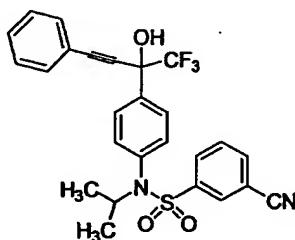


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[0194] 2,5-Dichloro-thiophene-3-sulfonic acid N-[4-(1-hydroxy-3-phenyl-1-trifluoromethyl-prop-2-ynyl)-phenyl]-N-isopropyl-amide

[0195] ¹H-NMR (CDCl₃) δ 1.16-1.18 (m, 6H), 4.68-4.73 (m, 1H), 6.96 (s, 1H), 7.20-7.22 (m, 2H), 7.39-7.44 (m, 3H), 7.54-7.57 (m, 2H), 7.84 (d, J=8.4 Hz, 2H). Mass Spectrum (CI+) m/e = 569.9 (M+23).

Example 39

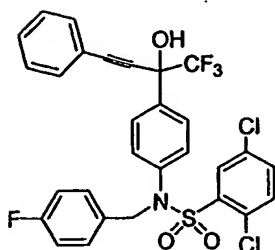


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[0196] 3-Cyano-N-[4-(1-hydroxy-3-phenyl-1-trifluoromethyl-prop-2-ynyl)-phenyl]-N-isopropyl-benzenesulfonamide

[0197] ¹H-NMR (CDCl₃) δ 1.09 - 1.12 (m, 6H), 4.62 - 4.67 (m, 1H), 7.09 - 7.11 (m, 2H), 7.37 - 7.44 (m, 3H), 7.54 - 7.65 (m, 3H), 7.83 - 7.86 (m, 3H), 7.94 - 7.97 (m, 1H), 8.06 - 8.07 (m, 1H). Mass Spectrum (CI+) m/e = 521.0 (M+23).

Example 40



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[0198] 2,5-Dichloro-N-(4-fluorobenzyl)-N-[4-(1-hydroxy-3-phenyl-1-trifluoromethyl-prop-
5 2-ynyl)-phenyl]-benzenesulfonamide

Step A. 1-[4-(4-Fluorobenzylamino)-phenyl]-2,2,2-trifluoro-ethanone

[0199] The title compound was prepared as described in Example 34, Step A, substituting
4-fluorobenzylamine for cyclopentylamine. ¹H-NMR (CDCl₃) δ 4.45 (s, 2H), 4.99 (br s, 1H),
10 6.63-6.67 (m, 2H), 7.07-7.09 (m, 2H), 7.31-7.35 (m, 2H), 7.93 (d, J=8.1 Hz, 2H). Mass
Spectrum (CI+) m/e = 298.1 (M+1).

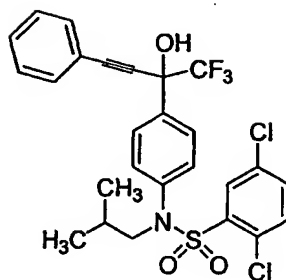
Step B. 2-[4-(4-Fluorobenzyl)amino)-phenyl]-1,1,1-trifluoro-4-phenyl-but-3-yn-2-ol

[0200] The title compound was prepared as described in Example 34, Step B, starting with
15 1-[4-(4-Fluorobenzylamino)-phenyl]-2,2,2-trifluoro-ethanone and was used without further
purification. Mass Spectrum (CI+) m/e = 400.1 (M+1).

Step C. 2,5-Dichloro-N-(4-fluorobenzyl)-N-[4-(1-hydroxy-3-phenyl-1-
trifluoromethyl-prop-2-ynyl)-phenyl]-benzenesulfonamide

20 [0201] The title compound was prepared as described in Example 34, Step C, starting with
2-[4-(4-Fluorobenzyl)amino)-phenyl]-1,1,1-trifluoro-4-phenyl-but-3-yn-2-ol. ¹H-NMR
(CDCl₃) δ 4.98-5.08 (m, 2H), 6.98 (t, J=8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.14 (d, J=8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.23-7.26 (m,
2H), 7.34-7.52 (m, 7H), 7.67 (d, J=8.5 Hz, 2H), 7.86 (d, J=2.4 Hz, 1H). Mass Spectrum
(CI+) m/e = 630.0 (M+23).

Example 41



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5 [0202] 2,5-Dichloro-N-[4-(1-hydroxy-3-phenyl-1-trifluoromethyl-prop-2-ynyl)-phenyl]-N-isobutyl-benzenesulfonamide

Step A. 1-(4-Isobutylamino-phenyl)-2,2,2-trifluoro-ethanone

[0203] The title compound was prepared as described in Example 34, Step A, substituting isobutylamine for cyclopentylamine. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 1.0 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 6 H), 1.92 (tsept, J = 6.7, 6.7 Hz, 1 H), 3.05 (dd, J = 6.7, 5.8 Hz, 2 H), 4.69 (br s, 1 H), 6.58 (d, J = 9.1 Hz, 2 H), 7.90 (d, J = 9.1 Hz, 2 H). Mass Spectrum (CI+) m/e = 246 (M+1).

Step B. 2-(4-Isobutylamino-phenyl)-1,1,1-trifluoro-4-phenyl-but-3-yn-2-ol

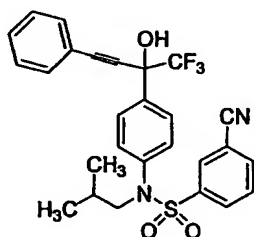
15 [0204] The title compound was prepared as described in Example 34, Step B, starting with 1-(4-isobutylamino-phenyl)-2,2,2-trifluoro-ethanone. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 0.99 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 6 H), 1.92 (tsept, J = 6.7, 6.0 Hz, 1 H), 2.96 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 2 H), 3.03 (br s, 1 H), 3.90 (br s, 1 H), 6.61 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2 H), 7.34-7.55 (m, 5 H), 7.58 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2 H). Mass Spectrum (CI+) m/e = 348 (M+1).

20 Step C. 2,5-Dichloro-N-[4-(1-hydroxy-3-phenyl-1-trifluoromethyl-prop-2-ynyl)-phenyl]-N-isobutyl-benzenesulfonamide

[0205] The title compound was prepared as described in Example 34, Step C, starting with 2-(4-isobutylamino-phenyl)-1,1,1-trifluoro-4-phenyl-but-3-yn-2-ol. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 0.96 (m, 6 H), 1.67 (m, 1 H), 3.19 (br s, 1 H), 3.68 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 2 H), 7.31 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2 H), 7.34-7.52 (m, 7 H), 7.73 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2 H), 7.80 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1 H). Mass Spectrum (CI+) m/e = 578 (M+23).

[0206] Examples 42 and 43 were prepared from 2-(4-isobutylamino-phenyl)-1,1,1-trifluoro-4-phenyl-but-3-yn-2-ol and an appropriate sulfonyl chloride using methods as described in Example 34, Step C.

Example 42

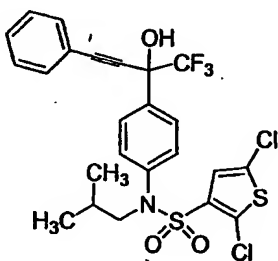


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[0207] 3-Cyano-N-[4-(1-hydroxy-3-phenyl-1-trifluoromethyl-prop-2-ynyl)-phenyl]-N-isobutyl-benzenesulfonamide

[0208] ^1H NMR (CDCl_3) δ , 0.93 (m, 6 H), 1.61 (m, 1 H), 3.36 (m, 2 H), 3.42 (br s, 1 H), 7.11 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2 H), 7.35-7.73 (m, 7 H), 7.78 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2 H), 7.83 (dd, $J = 7.7, 1.1$ Hz, 1 H), 7.89 (s, 1 H). Mass Spectrum (CI^+) $m/e = 535$ ($M+23$).

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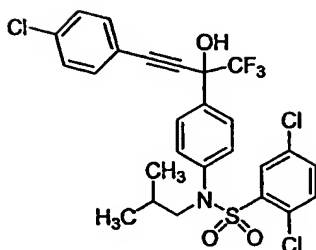


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[0209] 2,5-Dichloro-thiophene-3-sulfonic acid N-isobutyl[4-(1-hydroxy-3-phenyl-1-trifluoromethyl-prop-2-ynyl)-phenyl]-amide

[0210] ^1H NMR (CDCl_3) δ 0.93 (m, 6 H), 1.65 (m, 1 H), 3.27 (br s, 1 H), 3.52 (d, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 2 H), 6.84 (s, 1 H), 7.27 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2 H), 7.35-7.54 (m, 5 H), 7.80 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2 H). Mass Spectrum (CI^+) $m/e = 584$ ($M+23$).

Example 44



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[0211] 2,5-Dichloro-N-{4-[3-(4-chloro-phenyl)-1-hydroxy-1-trifluoromethyl-prop-2-ynyl]-phenyl}-N-isobutyl-benzenesulfonamide

Step A. 4-(4-Chlorophenyl)-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-(4-isobutylamino-phenyl)-but-3-yn-2-ol

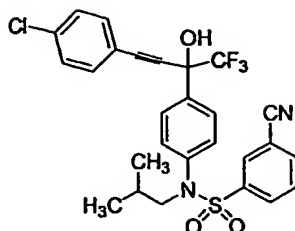
[0212] The title compound was prepared from 1-(4-isobutylamino-phenyl)-2,2,2-trifluoro-ethanone (Example 41, Step A) as described in Example 34, Step B and substituting 4-

chlorophenylacetylene for phenylacetylene. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.98 (m, 6 H), 1.90 (m, 1 H), 2.96 (brs, 1 H), 2.96 (m, 2 H), 3.92 (br s, 1 H), 6.59-7.56 (m, 8 H). Mass Spectrum (CI+) m/e = 382 (M+1).

Step B. 2,5-Dichloro-N-{4-[3-(4-chloro-phenyl)-1-hydroxy-1-trifluoromethyl-prop-2-ynyl]-phenyl}-N-isobutyl-benzenesulfonamide

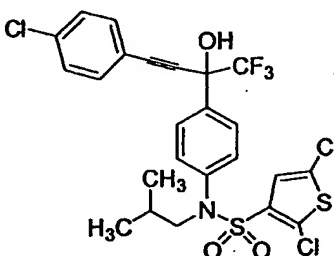
[0213] The title compound was prepared using methods as described in Example 34, Step C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.96 (m, 6 H), 1.67 (m, 1 H), 3.51 (br s, 1 H), 3.67 (m, 2 H), 7.30-7.45 (m, 8 H), 7.71 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2 H), 7.80 (d, J = 2.4 Hz, 1 H). Mass Spectrum (CI+) m/e = 592 (M+1).

[0214] Example 45 and 46 were prepared from 4-(4-chlorophenyl)-1,1,1-trifluoro-2-(4-isobutylamino-phenyl)-but-3-yn-2-ol and an appropriate sulfonyl chloride using methods as described in Example 34, Step C.

Example 45**45**

[0215] 3-Cyano-N-{4-[3-(4-chloro-phenyl)-1-hydroxy-1-trifluoromethyl-prop-2-ynyl]-phenyl}-N-isobutyl-benzenesulfonamide

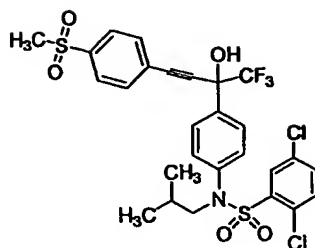
[0216] ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 0.931 (m, 6 H), 1.619 (m, 1 H), 3.347 (br s, 1 H), 3.357 (m, 2 H), 7.109 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 2 H), 7.342-7.865 (m, 10 H). Mass Spectrum (CI+) $m/e = 547$ (M+1).

Example 46**46**

[0217] 2,5-Dichlorothiophene-3-sulfonic acid {4-[3-(4-chloro-phenyl)-1-hydroxy-1-trifluoromethyl-prop-2-ynyl]-phenyl}-isobutyl-amide

[0218] ^1H NMR (CDCl_3) δ 0.94 (m, 6 H), 1.65 (m, 1 H), 3.15 (s, 1 H), 3.52 (m 2 H), 6.84 (s, 1 H), 7.20-7.47 (m, 6 H), 7.78 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2 H). Mass Spectrum (CI+) $m/e = 598$ (M+23).

Example 47



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[0219] 2,5-Dichloro-N-{4-[1-hydroxy-3-(4-methanesulfonyl-phenyl)-1-trifluoromethyl-prop-2-ynyl]-phenyl}-N-isobutyl-benzenesulfonamide.

Step A. 1-Ethynyl-4-methanesulfonyl-benzene

[0220] 2-Methyl-3-butyn-2-ol was coupled to 1-bromo-4-methanesulfonyl-benzene according to the procedure described by Bleicher *et al.* (1995) *Synlett* 1115-1116. The

product was converted to 1-ethynyl-4-methanesulfonyl-benzene according to the procedure described by Havens *et al.* (1985) *J. Org. Chem.* 50:1763-1765.

[0221] ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 3.06 (s, 3 H), 3.29 (s, 1 H), 7.67 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2 H), 7.91 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2 H).

Step B. 1,1,1-Trifluoro-2-(4-isobutylamino-phenyl)-4-(4-methanesulfonyl-phenyl)-but-3-yn-2-ol

[0222] The title compound was prepared from 1-(4-isobutylamino-phenyl)-2,2,2-trifluoro-ethanone (Example 41, Step A) as described in Example 34, Step B substituting 1-ethynyl-4-methanesulfonyl-benzene for phenylacetylene.

[0223] ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 0.99 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 6 H), 1.90 (m, 1 H), 2.96 (m, 2 H), 3.01 (s, 1 H), 3.07 (s, 3 H), 3.94 (br s, 1 H), 6.62 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2 H), 7.54 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2 H), 7.71 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2 H), 7.94 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 2 H). Mass Spectrum (CI⁺) m/e = 426 (M+1).

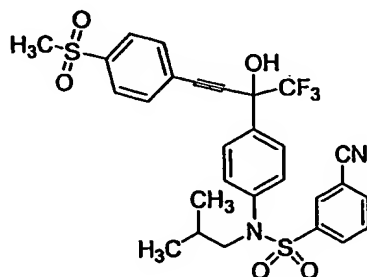
Step C. 2,5-Dichloro-N-{4-[1-hydroxy-3-(4-methanesulfonyl-phenyl)-1-trifluoromethyl-prop-2-ynyl]-phenyl}-N-isobutyl-benzenesulfonamide

[0224] The title compound was prepared as described in Example 34, Step C.

[0225] ^1H NMR (CDCl_3) δ 0.95 (m, 6 H), 1.66 (m, 1 H), 3.06 (s, 3 H), 3.55 (br s, 1 H), 3.67 (m, 2 H), 7.32 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 2 H), 7.37-7.42 (m, 2 H), 7.66-7.72 (m, 4 H), 7.80 (d, $J = 2.2$ Hz, 1 H), 7.93 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 2 H). Mass Spectrum (CI^+) $m/e = 652$ ($M+18$).

[0226] Example 48 and 49 were prepared from 1,1,1-trifluoro-2-(4-isobutylamino-phenyl)-4-(4-methanesulfonyl-phenyl)-but-3-yn-2-ol and an appropriate sulfonyl chloride using methods as described in Example 34, Step C.

Example 48



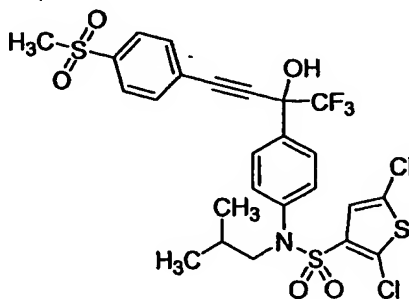
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10 [0227] 3-Cyano-N-{4-[1-hydroxy-3-(4-methanesulfonyl-phenyl)-1-trifluoromethyl-prop-2-ynyl]-phenyl}-N-isobutyl-benzenesulfonamide

[0228] ^1H NMR (CDCl_3) δ 0.93 (m, 6 H), 1.62 (m, 1 H), 3.07 (s, 3 H), 3.36 (m, 2 H), 3.45 (s, 1 H), 7.13 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 2 H), 7.59-7.86 (m, 8 H), 7.95 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 2 H). Mass Spectrum (CI^+) $m/e = 613$ ($M+23$).

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Example 49

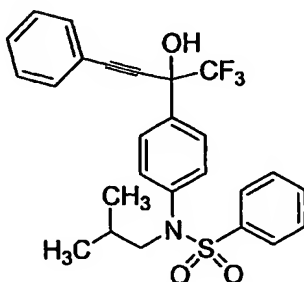


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[0229] 2,5-Dichlorothiophene-3-sulfonic acid {4-[1-hydroxy-3-(4-methanesulfonyl-phenyl)-1-trifluoromethyl-prop-2-ynyl]-phenyl}-isobutyl-amide

[0230] ^1H NMR (CDCl_3) δ 0.93 (m, 6 H), 1.64 (m, 1 H), 3.06 (s, 3 H), 3.51 (m, 2 H), 4.80 (br s, 1 H), 6.84 (s, 1 H), 7.28 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 2 H), 7.65 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2 H), 7.79 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2 H), 7.93 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 2 H). Mass Spectrum (CI^+) $m/e = 640$ ($M+1$).

Example 50



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[0231] N-[4-(1-Hydroxy-3-phenyl-1-trifluoromethyl-prop-2-ynyl)-phenyl]-N-isobutylbenzenesulfonamide

10 Step A. N-Isobutyl-benzenesulfonamide

[0232] To a solution of 4.14 g of isobutylamine (56.6 mmol) and 2.86 g of triethylamine (28.3 mmol) in 40 mL of CH_2Cl_2 was slowly added 5.0 g of benzenesulfonyl chloride (28.3 mmol) at 0°C . The resulting mixture was stirred at 0°C for 30 min and then at rt for 1 hr. 150 mL of CH_2Cl_2 were added, and the organic layer was washed with saturated aqueous solution of NH_4Cl and brine (30 x 2 mL), dried over MgSO_4 , filtered, and the filtrate was concentrated to give the title compound. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3) δ 0.87 (d, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 6 H), 1.71 (tsept, $J = 6.7$, 6.5 Hz, 1 H), 2.76 (dd, $J = 6.5$, 6.7 Hz, 2 H), 4.61 (t, $J = 6.5$ Hz, 1 H), 7.49-7.88 (m, 5 H). Mass Spectrum (CI^+) $m/e = 214$ ($M+1$).

20 Step B. N-Isobutyl-N-(4-trifluoroacetyl-phenyl)-benzenesulfonamide

[0233] The title compound was prepared from N-Isobutyl-benzenesulfonamide and 1,1,1,4-tetrafluoroacetophenone as described in Example 34, Step A. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3) δ 0.91 (d, $J = 6.7$ Hz, 6 H), 1.60 (tsept, $J = 7.4$, 6.7 Hz, 1 H), 3.38 (d, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 2 H), 7.29 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2 H), 7.45-7.87 (m, 5 H), 8.03 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2 H). Mass Spectrum (CI^+) $m/e = 387$ ($M+1$).

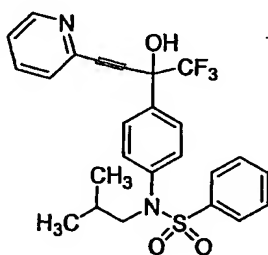
Step C. N-[4-(1-Hydroxy-3-phenyl-1-trifluoromethyl-prop-2-ynyl)-phenyl]-N-isobutyl-benzenesulfonamide

[0234] The title compound was prepared from N-isobutyl-N-(4-trifluoroacetyl-phenyl)-benzenesulfonamide as described in Example 29.

5 [0235] ^1H NMR (CDCl_3) δ 0.92 (m, 6 H), 1.59 (m, 1 H), 3.22 (brs. 1 H), 3.33 (m, 2 H), 7.12 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2 H), 7.35-7.58 (m, 10 H), 7.746 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2 H). Mass Spectrum (CI^+) $m/e = 487$ ($M+23$).

[0236] Examples 51 -68 were prepared as described in Example 50, substituting an appropriate acetylene compound for phenylacetylene. The acetylene starting materials are
10 either commercially available or can be synthesized according to methods described herein and referred to below.

Example 51

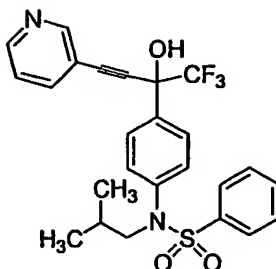


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15 [0237] N-[4-(1-Hydroxy-2-pyridin-3-yl-1-trifluoromethyl-prop-2-ynyl)-phenyl]-N-isobutyl-benzenesulfonamide

[0238] ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ , 0.91 (m, 6 H), 1.58 (m, 1 H), 3.32 (m, 2 H), 6.03 (br s, 1 H), 7.10 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 2 H), 7.30-7.74 (m, 8 H), 7.77 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 2 H), 8.54 (d, $J = 4.8$ Hz, 1 H). Mass Spectrum (CI^+) $m/e = 489$ ($M+1$).

Example 52

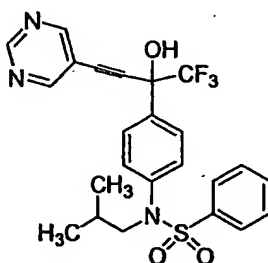


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[0239] N-[4-(1-Hydroxy-3-pyridin-3-yl-1-trifluoromethyl-prop-2-ynyl)-phenyl]-N-isobutyl-benzenesulfonamide

[0240] ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 0.91 (m, 6 H), 1.59 (m, 1 H), 3.33 (m, 2 H), 7.12 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2 H), 7.35 (dd, J = 8.0, 5.1 Hz, 1 H), 7.42-7.58 (m, 6 H), 7.77 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2 H), 7.85 (m, 1 H), 8.52 (dd, J = 5.1, 2.6 Hz, 1 H), 8.88 (d, J = 1.4 Hz, 1 H). Mass Spectrum (CI+) m/e = 489 (M+1).

Example 53

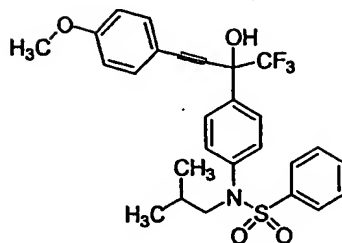


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[0241] N-[4-(1-Hydroxy-3-pyrimidin-5-yl-1-trifluoromethyl-prop-2-ynyl)-phenyl]-N-isobutyl-benzenesulfonamide

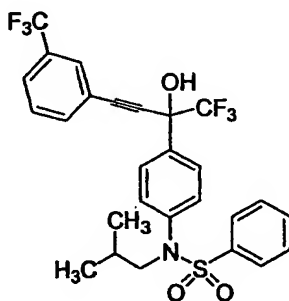
[0242] ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ , 0.91 (m, 6 H), 1.58 (m, 1 H), 3.33 (m, 2 H), 5.73 (br s, 1 H), 7.14 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2 H), 7.43-7.59 (m, 5 H), 7.73 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 2 H), 8.89 (s, 2 H), 9.16 (s, 1 H). Mass Spectrum (CI+) m/e = 490 (M+1).

[0243] The starting material, 5-ethynyl-pyrimidine was prepared following procedures similar to those described in Example 47, step A. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3) δ 3.41 (s, 1H), 8.81 (s, 2H), 9.16 (s, 1H).

Example 54**54**

[0244] N-[4-(1-Hydroxy-3-(4-methoxy-phenyl)-1-trifluoromethyl-prop-2-ynyl)-phenyl]-N-isobutyl-benzenesulfonamide

[0245] ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ , 0.92 (m, 6 H), 1.58 (m, 1 H), 3.12 (m, 2 H), 3.33 (m, 2 H), 3.84 (s, 3 H), 6.89 (d, $J = 8.9$ Hz, 2 H), 7.11 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 2 H), 7.43-7.57 (m, 7 H), 7.74 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 2 H). Mass Spectrum (CI+) $m/e = 518$ (M+1).

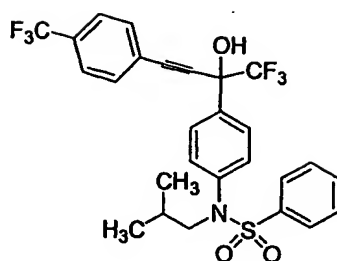
Example 55**55**

[0246] N-[4-(1-Hydroxy-3-(3-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-1-trifluoromethyl-prop-2-ynyl)-phenyl]-N-isobutyl-benzenesulfonamide

[0247] ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 0.92 (m, 6 H), 1.59 (m, 1 H), 3.19 (br s, 1 H), 3.33 (m, 2 H), 7.14 (d, $J = 8.7$, 2 H), 7.34-7.88 (m, 11 H). Mass Spectrum (CI+) $m/e = 556$ (M+1).

[0248] The starting material, 1-ethynyl-3-trifluoromethyl-benzene was prepared following procedures similar to those described in Example 47, step A. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3) δ 3.17 (s, 1 H), 7.47 (m, 1 H), 7.61 (m, 1H), 7.67 (m, 1H), 7.77 (s, 1H).

Example 56

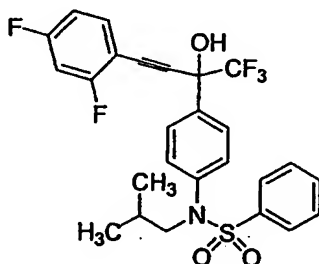


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[0249] N-[4-(1-Hydroxy-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-1-trifluoromethyl-prop-2-ynyl)-phenyl]-N-isobutyl-benzenesulfonamide

[0250] ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 0.92 (m, 6 H), 1.59 (m, 1 H), 3.25 (br s, 1 H), 3.33 (m, 2 H), 7.13 (d, $J = 8.6$, 2 H), 7.45-7.57 (m, 5 H), 7.64 (s, 4 H), 7.73 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 2 H). Mass Spectrum (CI+) $m/e = 578$ (M+23).

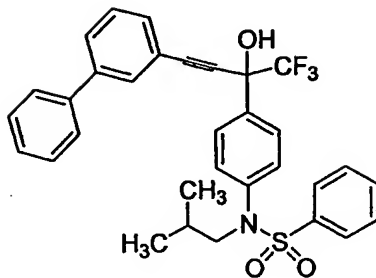
Example 57



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[0251] N-[4-(1-Hydroxy-3-(2,4-difluoro-phenyl)-1-trifluoromethyl-prop-2-ynyl)-phenyl]-N-isobutyl-benzenesulfonamide

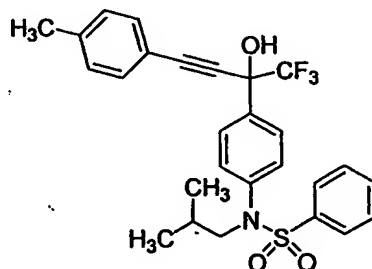
[0252] ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 0.91 (m, 6 H), 1.59 (m, 1 H), 3.22 (br s, 1 H), 3.33 (m, 2 H), 6.90 (m, 2 H), 7.12 (d, $J = 8.0$, 2 H), 7.43-7.57 (m, 6 H), 7.73 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2 H). Mass Spectrum (CI+) $m/e = 524$ (M+23).

Example 58**58**

[0253] N-[4-(3-Biphenyl-1-hydroxy-1-trifluoromethyl-prop-2-ynyl)-phenyl]-N-isobutyl-
5 benzenesulfonamide

[0254] ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ , 0.92 (m, 6 H), 1.60 (m, 1 H), 3.12 (br s, 1 H), 3.33 (m, 2 H), 7.13 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 2 H), 7.39-7.77 (m, 16 H). Mass Spectrum (CI^+) $m/e = 564$ ($M+1$).

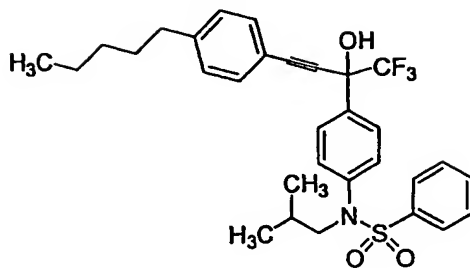
[0255] The starting material, 3-ethynyl-biphenyl, was prepared following procedures
10 similar to those described in Example 47, step A. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3) δ 3.12 (s, 1 H), 7.36-7.51 (m, 5 H), 7.58-7.62 (m, 3H), 7.75 (m, 1H).

Example 59**59**

15 [0256] N-[4-(1-Hydroxy-3-(4-tolyl)-1-trifluoromethyl-prop-2-ynyl)-phenyl]-N-isobutyl-
benzenesulfonamide

[0257] ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 0.90 (d, $J = 6.3$ Hz, 6 H), 1.55 (m, 1 H), 2.50 (s, 3 H), 3.26 (br s, 1 H), 3.31 (d, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 2 H), 7.09 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 2 H), 7.41-7.60 (m, 9 H), 7.91 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 2 H). Mass Spectrum (CI^+) $m/e = 566$ ($M+1$).

Example 60

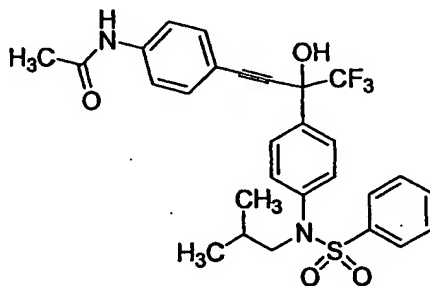


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[0258] N-[4-(1-Hydroxy-3-(4-pentyl-phenyl)-1-trifluoromethyl-prop-2-ynyl)-phenyl]-N-isobutyl-benzenesulfonamide

[0259] ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 0.91 (m, 9 H), 1.32 (m, 4 H), 1.61 (m, 3 H), 2.62 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 2 H), 3.26 (s, 1 H), 3.33 (m, 2 H), 7.11 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 2 H), 7.18 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz, 2 H), 7.43 - 7.57 (m, 7 H), 7.74 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 2 H). Mass Spectrum (CI+) $m/e = 558$ (M+1).

Example 61



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[0260] N-[4-(3-(4-Acetamido-phenyl)-1-hydroxy-1-trifluoromethyl-prop-2-ynyl)-phenyl]-N-isobutyl-benzenesulfonamide

[0261] ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 0.90 (m, 6 H), 1.58 (m, 1 H), 2.16 (s, 3 H), 3.32 (m, 2 H), 4.55 (br s, 1 H), 7.10 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 2 H), 7.37-7.58 (m, 9 H), 7.62 (br s, 1 H), 7.74 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 2 H). Mass Spectrum (CI+) $m/e = 545$ (M+1).

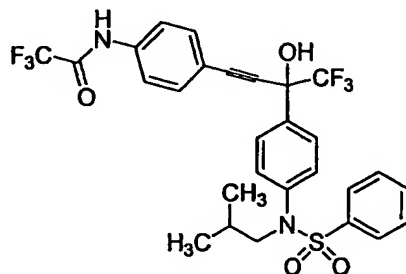
[0262] The starting material, N-(4-ethynyl-phenyl)-acetamide was prepared as follows:

[0263] To a solution of 1 g of 4-ethynyl-aniline (8.5 mmol) and 0.5 mL of pyridine in 5 mL of CH_2Cl_2 was added 0.95 mL (10.1 mmol) of acetic anhydride. The reaction mixture was stirred for 2 h at rt, quenched by the addition of a saturated aqueous solution of ammonium chloride, and extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were washed with brine,

dried over MgSO_4 , filtered and the filtrate was concentrated. The residue was purified by chromatography on silica (hexanes:EtOAc, 4:1) to give the title compound.

[0264] ^1H NMR (CDCl_3) δ 2.18 (s, 3 H), 3.04 (s, 1 H), 7.45-7.49 (m, 5 H).

Example 62



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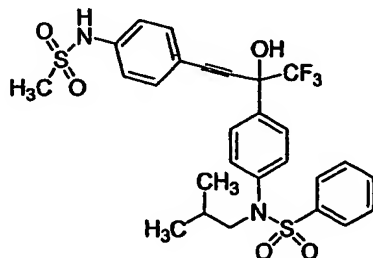
[0265] N-[4-(1-Hydroxy-3-(4-trifluoroacetamido-phenyl)-1-trifluoromethyl-prop-2-ynyl)-phenyl]-N-isobutyl-benzenesulfonamide

[0266] ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 0.91 (m, 6 H), 1.58 (m, 1 H), 3.32 (m, 2 H), 3.39 (br s, 1 H), 7.12 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2 H), 7.43-7.67 (m, 9 H), 7.77 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2 H), 8.18 (s, 1 H).

Mass Spectrum (CI^+) $m/e = 621$ ($M+23$).

[0267] The starting material, N-(4-ethynyl-phenyl)-trifluoroacetamide was prepared in a manner similar to that described in Example 61. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3) δ 3.11 (s, 1 H), 7.50-7.56 (m, 4 H), 8.00 (br s, 1 H).

Example 63



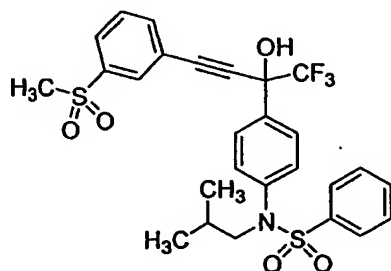
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[0268] N-[4-(1-Hydroxy-3-(4-methanesulfonamido-phenyl)-1-trifluoromethyl-prop-2-ynyl)-phenyl]-N-isobutyl-benzenesulfonamide

[0269] ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ , 0.91 (m, 6 H), 1.59 (m, 1 H), 2.05 (br s, 1 H), 3.06 (s, 3 H), 3.33 (m, 2 H), 6.79 (s, 1 H), 7.12 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2 H), 7.21 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2 H), 7.39-7.59 (m, 7 H), 7.73 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2 H). Mass Spectrum (CI+) $m/e = 581$ ($M+1$).

[0270] The starting material, N-(4-ethynyl-phenyl)-methylsulfonamide was prepared in a manner similar to that described in Example 61. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3) δ 3.04 (s, 3 H), 3.41 (s, 1 H), 6.91 (s, 1 H), 7.18 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 2 H), 7.48 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 2 H).

Example 64



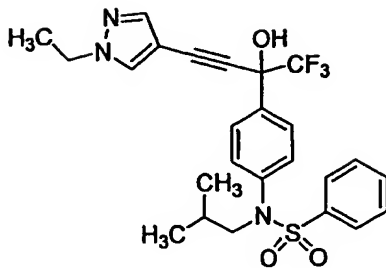
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[0271] N-[4-(1-Hydroxy-3-(3-methanesulfonyl-phenyl)-1-trifluoromethyl-prop-2-ynyl)-phenyl]-N-isobutyl-benzenesulfonamide

[0272] ^1H NMR (CDCl_3) δ 0.91 (m, 6 H), 1.58 (m, 1 H), 3.07 (s, 3 H), 3.32 (m, 2 H), 3.78 (s, 1 H), 7.13 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 2 H), 7.45 (m, 2 H), 7.57 (m, 4 H), 7.72 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 2 H), 7.77 (m, 1 H), 7.95 (m, 1 H), 8.07 (m, 1 H). Mass Spectrum (CI+) $m/e = 566$ ($M+1$).

[0273] The starting material, (3-ethynyl-phenyl) methyl sulfone was prepared using methods similar to those described in Example 47, step A. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3) δ 3.05 (s, 3 H), 3.21 (s, 1 H), 7.54 (dd, $J = 7.8, 7.8$ Hz, 1 H), 7.73 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1 H), 7.91 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1 H), 8.05 (s, 1 H).

Example 65



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[0274] N-{4-[3-(1-Ethyl-1H-pyrazol-4-yl)-1-hydroxy-1-(trifluoromethyl)-prop-2-ynyl]-phenyl}-N-isobutyl-benzenesulfonamide

[0275] ^1H NMR (CDCl_3) δ , 0.91 (m, 6 H), 1.50 (t, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 3 H), 1.58 (m, 1 H), 3.32 (m, 2 H), 3.57 (s, 1 H), 4.18 (q, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 2 H), 7.10 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 2 H), 7.43-7.64 (m, 7 H), 7.72 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 2 H). Mass Spectrum (CI^+) $m/e = 506$ ($M+1$).

10 Preparation of 1-Ethyl-4-ethynyl-1H-pyrazole

Step A. 1-Ethyl-4-iodo-1H-pyrazole

[0276] To a solution of 5 g of 4-iodopyrazole (25.8 mmol) in 20 mL of DMF at 0°C was added 1.24 g (31 mmol) of NaH (60% dispersion in oil) and the mixture was stirred at 0°C for 30 min. After this time, 3.1 mL (38.8 mmol) of iodoethane were added and the mixture was

15 allowed to warm to room temperature and stirred for 14 h. After this time the reaction was quenched by the addition of a saturated aqueous solution of ammonium chloride, allowed to warm to room temperature, and extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over MgSO_4 , filtered and the filtrate was concentrated. The residue

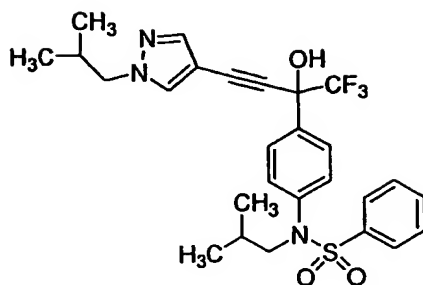
20 compound.

[0277] ^1H -NMR (CDCl_3) δ 1.46 (t, 3H, $J=7.4$ Hz), 4.2 (q, 2H, $J=7.4$ Hz), 7.43 (s, 1H), 7.49 (s, 1H).

Step B. 1-Ethyl-4-ethynyl-1H-pyrazole

25 [0278] The title compound was prepared following methods similar to those described in Example 47, Step A. ^1H -NMR (CDCl_3) δ 1.46 (t, 3H, $J=7.4$ Hz), 2.99 (s, 1H), 4.13 (q, 2H, $J=7.4$ Hz), 7.54 (s, 1H), 7.59 (s, 1H).

Example 66



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[0279] N-{4-[3-(1-isobutyl-1H-pyrazol-4-yl)-1-hydroxy-1-(trifluoromethyl)prop-2-ynyl]-phenyl}-N-isobutylbenzenesulfonamide

[0280] The title compound was prepared following methods described in Example 65.

Preparation of starting materials is provided below. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 0.91 (m, 12 H), 1.58 (m, 1 H), 2.21 (m, 1 H), 3.32 (m, 2 H), 3.71 (s, 1 H), 3.90 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2 H), 7.10 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2 H), 7.43-7.58 (m, 6 H), 7.64 (s, 1 H), 7.72 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 2 H). Mass Spectrum (CI⁺) m/e = 534 (M+1).

Preparation of 1-isobutyl-4-ethynyl-1H-pyrazole

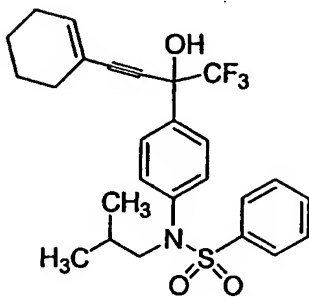
Step A. 1-isobutyl-4-iodo-1H-pyrazole

[0281] The title compound was prepared using methods similar to those described in Example 65. ¹H-NMR (CDCl₃) δ 0.89 (d, 6H, J=6.8 Hz), 2.17 (m, 1H), 3.91 (d, 2H, J=6.8Hz), 7.39 (s, 1H), 7.50 (s, 1H).

Step B. 1-isobutyl-4-ethynyl-1H-pyrazole

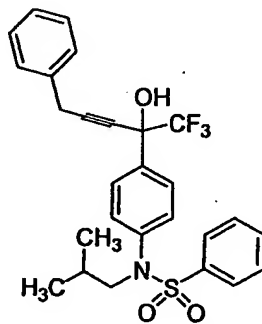
[0282] The title compound was prepared using methods similar to those described in

Example 65. ¹H-NMR (CDCl₃) δ 0.90 (d, 6H, J=7.2 Hz), 2.19 (m, 1H), 3.01 (s, 1H), 3.88 (d, 2H, J=7.2Hz), 7.51 (s, 1H), 7.61 (s, 1H).

Example 67**67**

[0283] N-[4-(3-Cyclohex-1-enyl-1-hydroxy-1-trifluoromethyl-prop-2-ynyl)-phenyl]-N-isobutyl-benzenesulfonamide

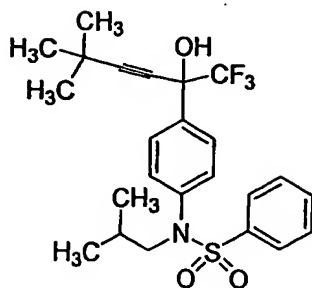
[0284] ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 0.90 (m, 6 H), 1.63 (m, 5 H), 2.14 (m, 4 H), 3.22 (s, 1 H), 3.31 (m, 2 H), 6.28 (m, 1 H), 7.08 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 2 H), 7.42-7.58 (m, 5 H), 7.67 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 2 H). Mass Spectrum (CI+) $m/e = 492$ (M+1).

Example 68**68**

[0285] N-[4-(1-Hydroxy-4-phenyl-1-trifluoromethyl-but-2-ynyl)-phenyl]-N-isobutyl-benzenesulfonamide

[0286] ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 0.91 (m, 6 H), 1.58 (m, 1 H), 3.32 (m, 2 H), 3.76 (s, 2 H), 7.08 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 2 H), 7.27-7.58 (m, 10 H), 7.68 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 2 H). Mass Spectrum (CI+) $m/e = 502$ (M+1).

Example 69

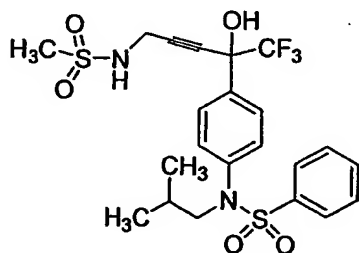


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[0287] N-[4-(1-Hydroxy-4,4-dimethyl-1-trifluoromethyl-pent-2-ynyl)-phenyl]-N-isobutyl-
 5 benzenesulfonamide

[0288] ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 0.91 (m, 6 H), 1.30 (s, 9 H), 1.58 (m, 1 H), 2.84 (br s, 1 H), 3.32 (m, 2 H), 6.90 (m, 2 H), 7.08 (d, $J = 8.4$, 2 H), 7.43-7.58 (m, 5 H), 7.65 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 2 H). Mass Spectrum (CI+) $m/e = 490$ (M+23).

Example 70

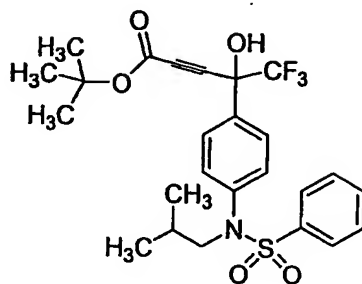


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[0289] N-[4-(1-Hydroxy-4-methanesulfonylamino-1-trifluoromethyl-but-2-ynyl)-phenyl]-
 N-isobutyl-benzenesulfonamide

[0290] ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ , 0.89 (m, 6 H), 1.55 (m, 1 H), 3.04 (s, 3 H), 3.32 (m, 2 H), 4.05 (m, 2 H), 4.37 (br s, 1 H), 5.26 (br s, 1 H), 7.09 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 2 H), 7.44-7.60 (m, 5 H), 7.64 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 2 H). Mass Spectrum (CI+) $m/e = 519$ (M+1).

Example 71

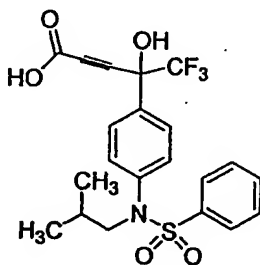


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[0291] 4-[4-(Benzenesulfonyl-isobutyl-amino)-phenyl]-5,5,5-trifluoro-4-hydroxy-pent-2-ynoic acid *tert*-butyl ester

[0292] ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 0.90 (m, 6 H), 1.52 (s, 9 H), 1.54 (m, 1 H), 3.31 (m, 2 H), 3.81 (d, $J = 4.7$ Hz, 1 H), 7.11 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 2 H), 7.43-7.59 (m, 5 H), 7.65 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 2 H). Mass Spectrum (CI+) $m/e = 534$ (M+23).

Example 72



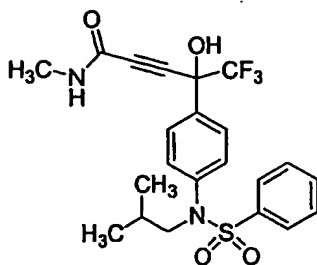
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[0293] 4-[4-(Benzenesulfonyl-isobutyl-amino)-phenyl]-5,5,5-trifluoro-4-hydroxy-pent-2-ynoic acid

[0294] To a solution of 0.56 g (1.1 mmol) of 4-[4-(benzenesulfonyl-isobutyl-amino)-phenyl]-5,5,5-trifluoro-4-hydroxy-pent-2-ynoic acid *tert*-butyl ester (Example 71) in 15 mL of CH_2Cl_2 was added 0.3 mL of trifluoroacetic acid. The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 24 h. After this time the solvent was evaporated, and the residue was purified by chromatography (silica, hexanes:EtOAc, 1:1) to give the title compound.

[0295] ^1H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) δ 0.84 (d, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 6 H), 1.41 (m, 1 H), 3.36 (d, $J = 7.3$ Hz, 2 H), 7.23 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2 H), 7.54-7.72 (m, 7 H), 8.36 (s, 1 H). Mass Spectrum (CI+) $m/e = 410$ (M-45).

Example 73



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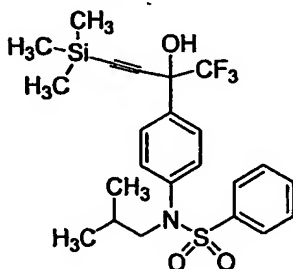
[0296] 4-[4-(Benzenesulfonyl-isobutyl-amino)-phenyl]-5,5,5-trifluoro-4-hydroxy-pent-2-ynoic acid methylamide

[0297] 0.2 g of 4-[4-(benzenesulfonyl-isobutyl-amino)-phenyl]-5,5,5-trifluoro-4-hydroxy-pent-2-ynoic acid (see Example 69; 0.439 mmol) and 0.26 mL of methylamine (2M in THF) were combined in 3 mL of CH₂Cl₂ at rt. 0.1 g of 1-[3-(dimethylamino)propyl]-3-

ethylcarbodiimide hydrochloride (0.527 mmol) was added. The resulting mixture was stirred at rt for 16h. After addition of 80 mL of CH₂Cl₂ the resulting solution was washed with an aqueous solution of citric acid, a saturated aqueous solution of sodium bicarbonate and brine. The organic layers were dried over MgSO₄, filtered and the filtrate was concentrated. The residue was purified by chromatography on silica(EtOAc : hexanes, 1 : 1) to give the title

compound. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.90 (m, 6 H), 1.56 (m, 1 H), 2.91 (d, J = 5.0 Hz, 3 H), 3.31 (m, 2 H), 3.72 (br s, 1 H), 6.26 (d, 5.0 Hz, 1 H), 7.11 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2 H), 7.44-7.60 (m, 5 H), 7.64 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 2 H). Mass Spectrum (CI+) m/e = 486 (M+18).

Example 74

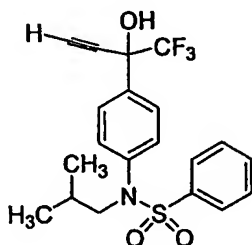


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[0298] N-[4-(1-Hydroxy-1-trifluoromethyl-3-trimethylsilyl-prop-2-ynyl)-phenyl]-N-isobutyl-benzenesulfonamide

[0299] ^1H NMR (CDCl_3) δ 0.25 (s, 9 H), 0.91 (m, 6 H), 1.58 (m, 1 H), 3.06 (s, 1 H), 3.32(m, 2 H), 7.09 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 2 H), 7.42-7.56 (m, 5 H), 7.65 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz, 2 H). Mass Spectrum (CI^+) $m/e = 506$ ($\text{M}+23$).

Example 75



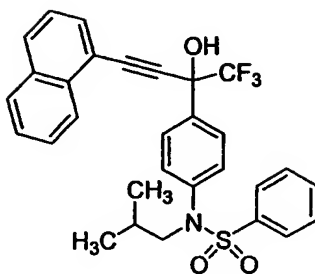
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[0300] N-[4-(1-Hydroxy-1-trifluoromethyl-prop-2-ynyl)-phenyl]-N-isobutylbenzenesulfonamide

[0301] To a solution of 0.25 g (0.51 mmol) of N-[4-(1-hydroxy-1-trifluoromethyl-3-trimethylsilanyl-prop-2-ynyl)-phenyl]-N-isobutylbenzenesulfonamide (Example 74) in 6 mL of CH_2Cl_2 was added 0.4 mL of a 1 M solution of tetrabutylammonium fluoride in THF. The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 1 hour. CH_2Cl_2 (60 mL) was added and the solution was washed with saturated aqueous NH_4Cl -solution (20 mL) and brine (15 mL). The organic layer was dried over Na_2SO_4 , filtered and the filtrate was concentrated. The residue was purified by chromatography on silica gel, (hexane:EtOAc, 7:3) to give the title compound.

[0302] ^1H NMR (CDCl_3) δ 0.91 (d, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 6 H), 1.58 (m, 1 H), 2.84 (s, 1 H), 3.10 (s, 1 H), 3.32 (d, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 2 H), 7.11 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2 H), 7.43-7.57 (m, 5 H), 7.68 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2 H). Mass Spectrum (CI^+) $m/e = 434$ ($\text{M}+23$).

Example 76



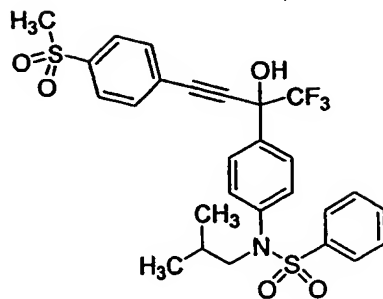
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[0303] N-[4-(1-Hydroxy-3-naphthalen-1-yl-1-trifluoromethyl-prop-2-ynyl)-phenyl]-N-isobutyl-benzenesulfonamide

[0304] 80.6 mg (0.39 mmol) 2-Bromonaphthalene, 21 mg palladium on carbon (10% Pd), 74.1 mg (0.39 mmol) copper (I) iodide, and 135 mg (0.98 mmol) K_2CO_3 were combined 2 mL of DME and 2 mL of water and the resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for 30 min. A solution of 80 mg (0.2 mmol) of N-[4-(1-hydroxy-1-trifluoromethyl-prop-2-ynyl)-phenyl]-N-isobutyl-benzenesulfonamide (Example 75) in 1 mL of DME was added and the reaction mixture was stirred at 65 °C overnight. The catalyst was removed by filtration over a pad of celite. The filtrate was washed with a saturated aqueous solution of ammonium chloride and brine. The organic layers were dried over Na_2SO_4 , filtered and the filtrate was concentrated. The residue was purified by chromatography on silica gel (hexanes:EtOAc = 9:1) to give the title compound.

[0305] 1H NMR ($CDCl_3$) δ 0.92 (m, 6 H), 1.60 (m, 1 H), 3.22 (s, 1 H), 3.34 (m, 2 H), 7.14 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2 H), 7.44-7.59 (m, 8 H), 7.78 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz, 2 H), 7.83-7.86 (m, 3 H), 8.08 (s, 1 H). Mass Spectrum (CI+) $m/e = 538$ ($M+1$).

Example 77



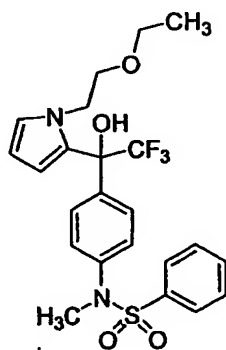
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[0306] N-[4-(1-Hydroxy-3-(4-methanesulfonyl-phenyl)-1-trifluoromethyl-prop-2-ynyl)-phenyl]-N-isobutyl-benzenesulfonamide

[0307] The title compound was prepared using methods as described in Example 76.

[0308] ^1H NMR (CDCl_3) δ 0.91 (m, 6 H), 1.59 (m, 1 H), 3.07 (s, 3 H), 3.33 (m, 2 H), 3.49 (s, 1 H), 7.14 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 2 H), 7.43-7.73 (m, 9 H), 7.94 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 2 H). Mass Spectrum (CI+) $m/e = 588$ (M+23).

Example 78



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[0309] N-(4-{1-[1-(2-Ethoxyethyl)-1H-pyrrol-2-yl]-2,2,2-trifluoro-1-hydroxyethyl}-phenyl)-N-methyl-benzenesulfonamide

Step A. N-Ethoxyethyl-2-trifluoroacetylpyrrole

[0310] To a suspension of 268 mg (6.70 mmol) of NaH (60% dispersion in oil) in 20 mL DMF at 0 °C was added 1.01 g (6.19 mmol) of 2-(trifluoroacetyl)pyrrole and the mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 1 h. After this time, 765 μL (6.51 mmol) of 2-bromoethyl ethyl ether was added and the mixture was warmed to 60 °C and stirred for 16 h. After this time, the reaction

mixture was allowed to cool to room temperature, quenched by the addition of a saturated aqueous solution of ammonium chloride, and extracted with EtOAc. The organic layer was washed with water and brine, dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered and the filtrate was concentrated. The residue was purified by chromatography on silica gel (pure hexanes grading to

5 hexanes:EtOAc, 97:3) to give the title compound.

[0311] ¹H-NMR (CDCl₃) δ 7.19 (s, 1H), 6.25-6.30 (m, 1H), 4.52 (t, J=5.1 Hz, 1H), 3.69 (t, J=5.4 Hz, 2H), 3.42 (q, J=7.0 Hz, 2H), 1.13 (t, J=7.0 Hz, 3H). Mass Spectrum (ESI) m/e = 190 (M-45).

10 Step B. 4-Bromo-N-methylaniline

[0312] The title compound was prepared in a manner similar to that described in Example 1, Step A. ¹H-NMR (DMSO) δ 2.64 (s, 3H), 5.82 (brs, 1H), 6.46-6.49 (m, 2H), 7.18-7.21 (m, 2H).

15 Step C. N-(4-Bromophenyl)-N-methyl-benzenesulfonamide

[0313] A solution of 0.61 g (3.3 mmol) of 4-bromo-N-methylaniline and 0.5 mL (3.92 mmol) of benzenesulfonyl chloride in 5 mL of pyridine was stirred for 12 h at rt. After that time the pyridine was removed by azeotropic distillation with heptane. The residue was purified by chromatography on silica (hexanes:EtOAc, 9:1) to give the title compound.

20 [0314] ¹H NMR (DMSO) δ 3.12 (s, 3 H), 7.04-7.08 (m, 2 H), 7.50-7.62 (m, 6 H), 7.69-7.74 (m, 1 H).

Step D. N-(4-{1-[1-(2-Ethoxyethyl)-1H-pyrrol-2-yl]-2,2,2-trifluoro-1-hydroxyethyl}-phenyl)-N-methyl-benzenesulfonamide

25 [0315] To a solution of 75 mg (0.23 mmol) of N-(4-bromophenyl)-N-methyl-benzenesulfonamide in 4 mL of Et₂O at -78 °C was added dropwise 285 μL (0.49 mmol) of a 1.7 M solution of *tert*-BuLi in pentane and the resultant mixture was stirred at -78 °C for 10 min. To this mixture was then added a solution of 81 mg (0.34 mmol) of *N*-ethoxyethyl-2-trifluoroacetylpyrrole in 3 mL THF and the mixture was allowed to gradually warm to room
30 temperature over an 18 h period. The reaction mixture was quenched by the addition of a saturated aqueous solution of ammonium chloride and extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered and the filtrate was concentrated. The residue

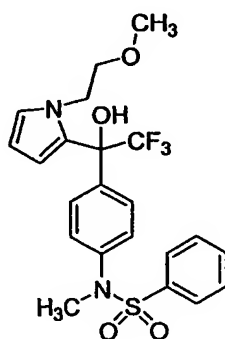
was purified by chromatography on silica gel (hexanes:EtOAc, 4:1) to give the title compound.

[0316] $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (CDCl_3) δ 7.49-7.60 (m, 3H), 7.42 (t, $J=7.4$ Hz, 2H), 7.32 (d, $J=8.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.06 (d, $J=8.7$ Hz, 2H), 6.67 (dd, $J=2.7$ Hz, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 6.45-6.50 (m, 1H), 6.20 (t, $J=3.3$ Hz, 1H), 5.82 (s, 1H), 3.76-3.85 (m, 1H), 3.55-3.65 (m, 2H), 3.43-3.52 (m, 2H), 3.29-3.38 (m, 1H), 3.17 (s, 3H), 1.15 (t, $J=7.0$ Hz, 3H). Mass Spectrum (ESI) $m/e = 505.1$ ($M+23$).

[0317] The following examples were prepared from *N*-(4-bromophenyl)-*N*-methylbenzenesulfonamide as described in Example 78. The required ketones are prepared as described in Example 78, Step A, or alternative procedures will be described.

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Example 79



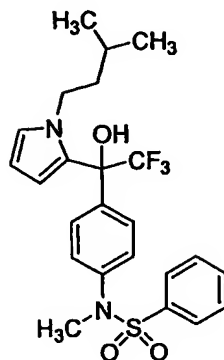
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[0318] *N*-(4-{1-[1-(2-Methoxyethyl)-1*H*-pyrrol-2-yl]-2,2,2-trifluoro-1-hydroxyethyl}-phenyl)-*N*-methylbenzenesulfonamide

15 [0319] $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (CDCl_3) δ 3.16 (s, 3H), 3.26 (s, 3H), 3.42-3.62 (m, 4H), 6.18 (m, 1H), 6.46 (m, 1H), 6.69 (m, 1H), 7.04-7.56 (m, 9H). Mass Spectrum (CI^+) $m/e = 491.1$ ($M+1$).

[0320] The starting material, *N*-methoxyethyl-2-trifluoroacetylpyrrole, was prepared in a manner similar to that described in Example 78, Step A.

20 [0321] $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (CDCl_3) δ 1.25 (s, 3H), 3.64 (t, $J=5.1$ Hz, 2H), 4.52 (t, $J=5.0$ Hz, 2H), 6.25 (m, 1H), 7.17 (m, 1H), 7.25 (m, 1H). Mass Spectrum (CI^+) $m/e =$ mass ion not observed.

Example 80**80**

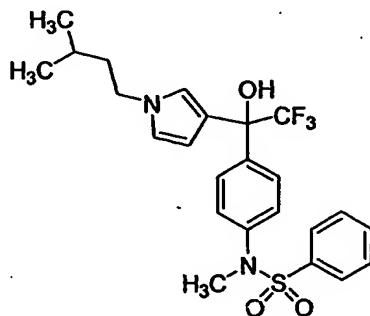
[0322] N-(4-{1-[1-(3-methylbutyl)-1H-pyrrol-2-yl]-2,2,2-trifluoro-1-hydroxyethyl}-phenyl)-N-methyl-benzenesulfonamide

[0323] Mass Spectrum (CI+) $m/e = 481.1$ (M+1).

[0324] The starting material, N-(3-methylbutyl)-2-trifluoroacetylpyrrole, was prepared using methods similar to those described in Example 78, Step A.

[0325] $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (CDCl_3) δ 0.94-0.98 (m, 6 H), 1.64 (m, 3 H), 4.35 (m, 2 H), 6.27 (m, 1 H),

7.10 (m, 1 H), 7.24 (m, 1 H).

Example 81**81**

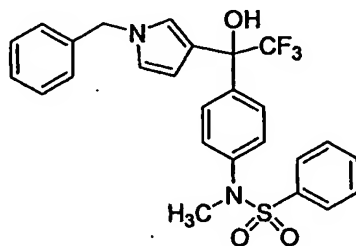
[0326] N-(4-{1-[1-(3-Methylbutyl)-1H-pyrrol-3-yl]-2,2,2-trifluoro-1-hydroxyethyl}-phenyl)-N-methyl-benzenesulfonamide

[0327] $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (CDCl_3) δ 0.96 (d, $J=6.5$ Hz, 6H), 1.57-1.71 (m, 3H), 2.78 (brs, 1H), 3.20 (s, 3H), 3.87 (m, 2H), 6.09 (m, 1H), 6.63 (m, 1H), 6.70 (m, 1H), 7.10 (m, 2H), 7.44-7.61 (m, 7H). Mass Spectrum (CI+) $m/e = 503.1$ (M+23).

[0328] The starting material, N-(3-methylbutyl)-3-trifluoroacetylpyrrole was prepared using methods as described in Example 78, Step A.

[0329] $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (CDCl_3) δ 0.98 (d, $J=6.6$ Hz, 6H), 1.58-1.62 (m, 1H), 1.70-1.76 (m, 2H), 3.97 (m, 2H), 6.70 (m, 1H), 6.76 (m, 1H), 7.50 (m, 1H). Mass Spectrum (CI^+) $m/e = 234.1$ (M+1).

Example 82



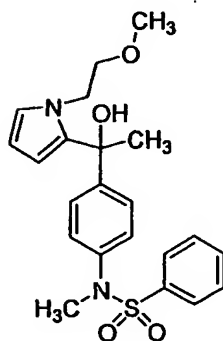
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[0330] N-(4-{1-[1-Benzyl-1H-pyrrol-3-yl]-2,2,2-trifluoro-1-hydroxyethyl}-phenyl)-N-methyl-benzenesulfonamide

[0331] $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (CDCl_3) δ 2.86 (brs, 1H), 3.20 (s, 3H), 5.06 (s, 2H), 6.17 (m, 1H), 6.68 (m, 1H), 6.78 (m, 1H), 7.10-7.16 (m, 4H), 7.34-7.56 (m, 10H). Mass Spectrum (CI^+) $m/e = 523.1$ (M+23).

[0332] The starting material, N-benzyl-3-trifluoroacetylpyrrole was prepared using methods similar to those described in Example 78, Step A.

[0333] $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (CDCl_3) δ 5.14 (s, 2H), 6.72-6.80 (m, 2H), 7.19-7.21 (m, 2H), 7.37-7.43 (m, 3H), 7.56 (m, 1H). Mass Spectrum (CI^+) $m/e = 254.1$ (M+1).

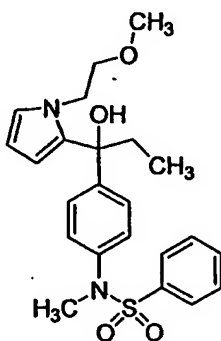
Example 83**83**

[0334] N-(4-{1-Hydroxy-1-[1-(2-methoxyethyl)-1*H*-pyrrol-2-yl]-ethyl}-phenyl)-N-methyl-
 5 benzenesulfonamide

[0335] ¹H-NMR (CDCl₃) δ 6.99 (dd, J=4.0 Hz, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 6.93 (t, J=2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.12 (dd, J=4.0 Hz, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 4.50 (t, J=5.2 Hz, 2H), 3.65 (t, J=5.2 Hz, 2H), 3.28 (s, 3H), 2.42 (s, 3H). Mass Spectrum (ESI) m/e = 136.1 (M-31).

[0336] The starting material, N-methoxyethyl-2-acetylpyrrole, was prepared using methods
 10 similar to those described in Example 78, Step A.

[0337] ¹H-NMR (CDCl₃) δ 6.99 (dd, J=4.0 Hz, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 6.93 (t, J=2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.12 (dd, J=4.0 Hz, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 4.50 (t, J=5.2 Hz, 2H), 3.65 (t, J=5.2 Hz, 2H), 3.28 (s, 3H), 2.42 (s, 3H). Mass Spectrum (ESI) m/e = 136.1 (M-31).

Example 84**84**

[0338] N-(4-{1-Hydroxy-1-[1-(2-methoxyethyl)-1*H*-pyrrol-2-yl]-propyl}-phenyl)-N-methyl-
 15 benzenesulfonamide

[0339] $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (CDCl_3) δ 7.48-7.59 (m, 3H), 7.41 (t, $J=7.5$ Hz, 2H), 7.19 (d, $J=8.6$ Hz, 2H), 6.99 (d, $J=8.6$ Hz, 2H), 6.62 (dd, $J=2.7$ Hz, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 6.30 (dd, $J=3.6$ Hz, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 6.15 (t, $J=3.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.94 (s, 1H), 3.77-3.86 (m, 1H), 3.59-3.67 (m, 1H), 3.33-3.45 (m, 2H), 3.27 (s, 3H), 3.16 (s, 3H), 2.21-2.31 (m, 1H), 2.01-2.11 (m, 1H), 0.80 (t, $J=7.4$ Hz, 3H).

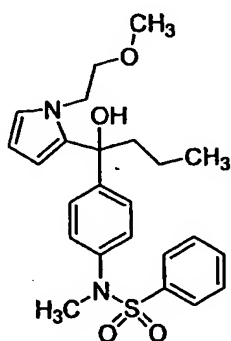
5 Mass Spectrum (ESI) $m/e = 451.1$ ($M+23$).

[0340] The starting material, *N*-methoxyethyl-2-propionylpyrrole was prepared as follows:

[0341] To a solution of 102 mg (0.61 mmol) of *N*-methoxyethyl-2-acetylpyrrole in 4.5 mL THF at -78°C was added dropwise 670 μL (0.67 mmol) of a 1.0 M solution of LHMDS in THF and the resultant mixture was stirred for 30 min. After this time, 57 μL (0.92 mmol) of MeI was added dropwise and the mixture was stirred at -78°C for 1.5 h, then was warmed to 0°C and stirred for an additional 45 min. After this time, the reaction mixture was quenched by the addition of a saturated aqueous solution of ammonium chloride and extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were dried over Na_2SO_4 , filtered and the filtrate was concentrated. The residue was purified by chromatography on silica gel (pure hexanes
10 grading to hexanes:EtOAc, 88:12) to give the title compound.

[0342] $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (CDCl_3) δ 7.00 (dd, $J=4.0$ Hz, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 6.92 (t, $J=2.1$ Hz, 1H), 6.13 (dd, $J=4.1$ Hz, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 4.50 (t, $J=5.1$ Hz, 2H), 3.65 (t, $J=5.2$ Hz, 2H), 3.29 (s, 3H), 2.81 (q, $J=7.4$ Hz, 2H), 1.17 (t, $J=7.4$ Hz, 3H). Mass Spectrum (ESI) $m/e = 150.1$ ($M-31$).

Example 85



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[0343] *N*-(4-{1-Hydroxy-1-[1-(2-methoxyethyl)-1*H*-pyrrol-2-yl]-butyl}-phenyl)-*N*-methylbenzenesulfonamide

[0344] $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (CDCl_3) δ 7.39-7.61 (m, 5H), 7.19 (d, $J=8.6$ Hz, 2H), 6.99 (d, $J=8.5$ Hz, 2H), 6.60-6.63 (m, 1H), 6.39-6.42 (m, 1H), 6.15 (t, $J=3.1$ Hz, 1H), 3.98 (s, 1H), 3.75-3.85 (m, 1H), 3.58-3.67 (m, 1H), 3.31-3.44 (m, 2H), 3.26 (s, 3H), 3.16 (s, 3H), 1.95-2.22 (m, 2H),
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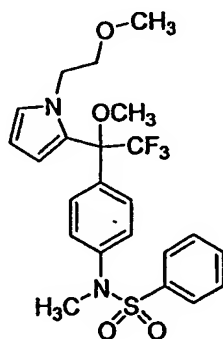
1.39-1.56 (m, 1H), 0.90-1.05 (m, 1H), 0.87 (t, J=7.2 Hz, 3H). Mass Spectrum (ESI) m/e = 465.2 (M+23).

[0345] The starting material, N-methoxyethyl-2-butyrylpyrrole, was prepared as follows:

[0346] To a solution of 150 mg (0.90 mmol) of N-methoxyethyl-2-acetylpyrrole in 6 mL THF at -78 °C was added dropwise 990 µL (0.99 mmol) of a 1.0 M solution of LHMDs in THF and the resultant mixture was stirred for 30 min. After this time, 108 µL (1.35 mmol) of EtI was added dropwise and the mixture was warmed to 0 °C and stirred for 2.5 h, then was further warmed to room temperature and stirred for an additional 2.5 h. After this time, 43 µL (0.54 mmol) of EtI was added and the mixture was stirred for an additional 1 h. The reaction mixture was quenched by the addition of a saturated aqueous solution of ammonium chloride and extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered and the filtrate was concentrated. The residue was purified by chromatography on silica gel (pure hexanes grading to hexanes:EtOAc, 9:1) to give the title compound.

[0347] ¹H-NMR (CDCl₃) δ 7.00 (dd, J=4.0 Hz, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 6.92 (t, J=2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.13 (dd, J=4.0 Hz, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 4.50 (t, J=5.1 Hz, 2H), 3.65 (t, J=5.1 Hz, 2H), 3.29 (s, 3H), 2.75 (t, J=7.3 Hz, 2H), 1.67-1.78 (m, 2H), 0.97 (t, J=7.4 Hz, 3H). Mass Spectrum (ESI) m/e = 164.1 (M-31).

Example 86



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[0348] N-(4-{1-[1-(2-Methoxyethyl)-1H-pyrrol-2-yl]-2,2,2-trifluoro-1-methoxyethyl}-phenyl)-N-methyl-benzenesulfonamide

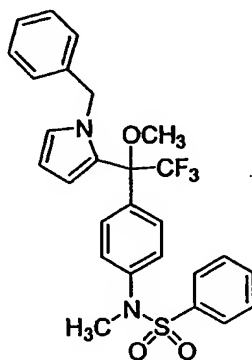
[0349] To a suspension of 3.8 mg of NaH (0.10 mmol) in 3 mL of DMF at 0 °C was added 32 mg of N-(4-{1-[1-(2-methoxyethyl)-1H-pyrrol-2-yl]-2,2,2-trifluoro-1-hydroxyethyl}-phenyl)-N-methyl-benzenesulfonamide (Example 79, 0.068 mmol) and the reaction mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 35 min. 6 µL of iodomethane (0.089 mmol) was added and the

reaction mixture allowed to warm to room temperature and stirred for 2.5 h. The reaction was quenched by the addition of a saturated aqueous solution of ammonium chloride and the aqueous layer was extracted with ethyl acetate. The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over MgSO_4 , filtered and the filtrate was concentrated. The residue was

5 purified by chromatography (silica, hexanes:EtOAc, 9:1) to give the title compound.

[0350] $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (CDCl_3) δ 3.10-3.13 (m, 2H), 3.19 (s, 3H), 3.23 (s, 3H), 3.39 (s, 3H), 3.63-3.67 (m, 2H), 6.21-6.22 (m, 1H), 6.56 (s, 1H), 6.69 (m, 1H), 6.89 (m, 2H), 7.28-7.59 (m, 7H). Mass Spectrum (CI^+) $m/e = 505.1$ ($\text{M}+1$).

Example 87



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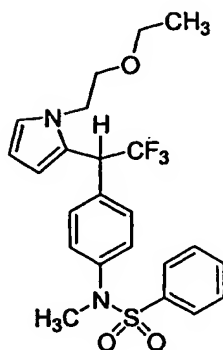
[0351] N-(4-{1-[1-Benzyl-1H-pyrrol-2-yl]-2,2,2-trifluoro-1-methoxyethyl}-phenyl)-N-methyl-benzenesulfonamide

[0352] The title compound was prepared in a manner similar to that described in Example

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[0353] $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (CDCl_3) δ 3.12 (s, 3H), 3.23 (s, 3H), 3.24 (s, 3H), 4.50 and 4.56 (AB, 2H, $J = 14.8$ Hz), 6.18 (m, 1H), 6.55-6.60 (m, 2H), 6.86 (m, 2H), 7.00 (m, 2H), 7.18-7.52 (m, 10H). Mass Spectrum (CI^+) $m/e = 515$ ($\text{M}+1$).

Example 88



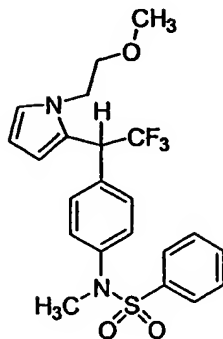
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[0354] N-(4-{1-[1-(2-Ethoxyethyl)-1*H*-pyrrol-2-yl]-2,2,2-trifluoroethyl}-phenyl)-N-methyl-benzenesulfonamide

[0355] To a solution of 32 mg (0.07 mmol) of N-(4-{1-[1-(2-ethoxyethyl)-1*H*-pyrrol-2-yl]-2,2,2-trifluoroethyl}-phenyl)-N-methyl-benzenesulfonamide (Example 78) in 2 mL of CH₂Cl₂ at 0 °C were added 1.05 mL (6.57 mmol) of triethylsilane followed by 167 µL (1.32 mmol) of boron trifluoride diethyl etherate dropwise. The mixture was warmed to room temperature and stirred for 1.75 h. After this time, the reaction mixture was cooled to 0 °C, quenched by the addition of a saturated aqueous solution of sodium bicarbonate, allowed to warm to room temperature, and extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered and the filtrate was concentrated. The residue was purified by chromatography on silica gel (hexanes:EtOAc, 4:1) to give the title compound.

[0356] ¹H-NMR (CDCl₃) δ 7.50-7.61 (m, 3H), 7.41-7.49 (m, 2H), 7.22-7.28 (m, 2H), 7.07 (d, *J*=8.3 Hz, 2H), 6.66 (s, 1H), 6.32 (s, 1H), 6.18 (t, *J*=3.2 Hz, 1H), 5.06 (q, *J*_{C-F}=9.2 Hz, 1H), 3.79-3.83 (m, 2H), 3.31-3.57 (m, 4H), 3.14 (s, 3H), 1.13 (t, *J*=7.0 Hz, 3H). Mass Spectrum (ESI) *m/e* = 489.1 (*M*+23).

Example 89



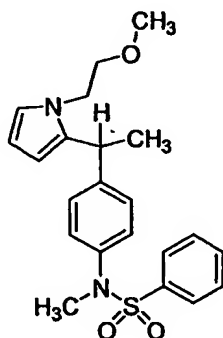
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[0357] N-(4-{1-[1-(2-Methoxyethyl)-1*H*-pyrrol-2-yl]-2,2,2-trifluoroethyl}-phenyl)-N-methyl-benzenesulfonamide

[0358] The title compound was prepared from N-(4-{1-[1-(2-methoxyethyl)-1*H*-pyrrol-2-yl]-2,2,2-trifluoro-1-hydroxyethyl}-phenyl)-N-methyl-benzenesulfonamide (Example 79) following the procedure described in Example 88.

[0359] ¹H-NMR (CDCl₃) δ 7.51-7.59 (m, 3H), 7.43 (t, J=7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.27 (d, J=8.6 Hz, 2H), 7.08 (d, J=8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.66 (dd, J=2.6 Hz, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.32 (s, 1H), 6.17 (t, J=3.1 Hz, 1H), 4.95 (q, J_{C-F}=9.2 Hz, 1H), 3.82-3.86 (m, 2H), 3.37-3.47 (m, 2H), 3.24 (s, 3H), 3.15 (s, 3H). Mass Spectrum (ESI) m/e = 475.1 (M+23).

Example 90



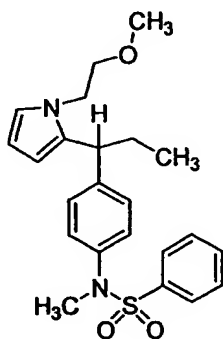
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[0360] N-(4-{1-[1-(2-Methoxyethyl)-1*H*-pyrrol-2-yl]-ethyl}-phenyl)-N-methyl-benzenesulfonamide

[0361] The title compound was prepared from N-(4-{1-hydroxy-1-[1-(2-methoxyethyl)-1*H*-pyrrol-2-yl]-ethyl}-phenyl)-N-methyl-benzenesulfonamide (Example 83) following the procedure described in Example 88.

[0362] ¹H-NMR (CDCl₃) δ 7.51-7.60 (m, 3H), 7.43 (t, J=7.8 Hz, 2H), 7.04 (d, J=8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.98 (d, J=8.5 Hz, 2H), 6.65 (s, 1H), 6.13 (t, J=3.4 Hz, 1H), 6.10-6.13 (m, 1H), 4.06-4.13 (m, 1H), 3.68-3.82 (m, 2H), 3.27 (t, J=5.9 Hz, 2H), 3.21 (s, 3H), 3.13 (s, 3H), 1.57 (t, J=7.2 Hz, 3H). Mass Spectrum (ESI) m/e = 421.1 (M+23).

Example 91



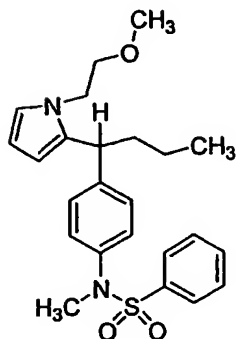
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[0363] N-(4-{1-[1-(2-Methoxyethyl)-1*H*-pyrrol-2-yl]-propyl}-phenyl)-N-methyl-benzenesulfonamide

[0364] The title compound was prepared from N-(4-{1-hydroxy-1-[1-(2-methoxyethyl)-1*H*-pyrrol-2-yl]-propyl}-phenyl)-N-methyl-benzenesulfonamide (Example 84) following the procedure described in Example 88.

[0365] ¹H-NMR (CDCl₃) δ 7.00 (dd, J=4.0 Hz, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 6.92 (t, J=2.1 Hz, 1H), 6.13 (dd, J=4.1 Hz, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 4.50 (t, J=5.1 Hz, 2H), 3.65 (t, J=5.2 Hz, 2H), 3.29 (s, 3H), 2.81 (q, J=7.4 Hz, 2H), 1.17 (t, J=7.4 Hz, 3H). Mass Spectrum (ESI) m/e = 150.1 (M-31).

Example 92



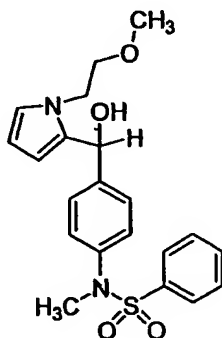
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[0366] N-(4-{1-[1-(2-Methoxyethyl)-1H-pyrrol-2-yl]-butyl}-phenyl)-N-methyl-
 5 benzenesulfonamide

[0367] The title compound was prepared from N-(4-{1-hydroxy-1-[1-(2-methoxyethyl)-
 1H-pyrrol-2-yl]-butyl}-phenyl)-N-methyl-benzenesulfonamide (Example 85) following the
 procedure described in Example 88.

[0368] ¹H-NMR (CDCl₃) δ 7.50-7.61 (m, 3H), 7.40-7.47 (m, 2H), 7.05 (d, J=8.5 Hz, 2H),
 10 6.97 (d, J=8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.62 (t, J=2.2 Hz, 1H), 6.10-6.17 (m, 2H), 3.71-3.92 (m, 3H), 3.25 (t,
 J=6.2 Hz, 2H), 3.21 (s, 3H), 3.13 (s, 3H), 1.96-2.07 (m, 1H), 1.74-1.86 (m, 1H), 1.21-1.42
 (m, 2H), 0.91 (t, J=7.3 Hz, 3H). Mass Spectrum (ESI) m/e = 449 (M+23).

Example 93



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[0369] N-(4-{1-Hydroxy-1-[1-(2-methoxyethyl)-1H-pyrrol-2-yl]-methyl}-phenyl)-N-
 15 methyl-benzenesulfonamide

Step A. *N*-Methoxyethylpyrrole-2-carboxaldehyde

[0370] To a suspension of 450 mg (11.25 mmol) of NaH (60% dispersion in mineral oil) in 30 mL DMF at 0 °C was added 990 mg (10.41 mmol) of pyrrole-2-carboxaldehyde and the mixture was stirred at 0 °C for 1.5 h. After this time, 1.03 mL (10.96 mmol) of 2-

5 bromomethyl methyl ether was added and the mixture was warmed to 50 °C and stirred for 2.75 h. The reaction mixture was allowed to cool to room temperature, quenched by the addition of a saturated aqueous solution of ammonium chloride, and extracted with EtOAc. The organic layer was washed with water and brine, dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered and the filtrate was concentrated. The residue was purified by chromatography on silica gel

10 (hexanes:EtOAc, 9:1) to give the title compound.

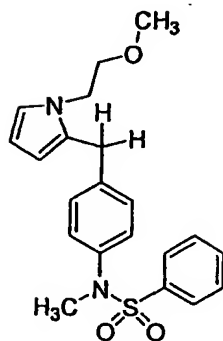
[0371] ¹H-NMR (CDCl₃) δ 9.53 (d, J=1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.03 (s, 1H), 6.95 (dd, J=4.0 Hz, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 6.23 (dd, J=4.0 Hz, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 4.50 (t, J=5.1 Hz, 2H), 3.66 (t, J=5.1 Hz, 2H), 3.29 (s, 3H). Mass Spectrum (ESI) m/e = 122 (M-31).

15 Step B. *N*-(4-{1-Hydroxy-1-[1-(2-methoxyethyl)-1*H*-pyrrol-2-yl]-methyl}-phenyl)-*N*-methyl-benzenesulfonamide

[0372] To a solution of 1.49 g (4.59 mmol) of *N*-(4-bromophenyl)-*N*-methyl benzenesulfonamide (Example 78, Step C) in 37.5 mL THF at -78 °C was added dropwise 5.94 mL (10.10 mmol) of a 1.7 M solution of *tert*-BuLi in pentane and the resultant mixture
20 was stirred at -78 °C for 15 min. To this mixture was then added a solution of 1.01 g (6.59 mmol) of *N*-methoxyethylpyrrole-2-carboxaldehyde in 6 mL THF and the mixture was allowed to gradually warm to -30 °C over a 4 h period. After this time, the reaction mixture was quenched by the addition of a saturated aqueous solution of ammonium chloride and extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered and the
25 filtrate was concentrated. The residue was purified by chromatography on silica gel (hexanes:EtOAc, 13:7) to give the title compound.

[0373] ¹H-NMR (CDCl₃) δ 7.52-7.64 (m, 3H), 7.45 (t, J=7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.38 (d, J=8.3 Hz, 2H), 7.06 (d, J=8.3 Hz, 2H), 6.70 (s, 1H), 6.09 (t, J=2.6 Hz, 1H), 5.85 (s, 1H), 5.65 (t, J=1.6 Hz, 1H), 4.03-4.21 (m, 3H), 3.60-3.71 (m, 2H), 3.35 (s, 3H), 3.19 (s, 3H). Mass Spectrum
30 (ESI) m/e = 423.1 (M+23).

Example 94



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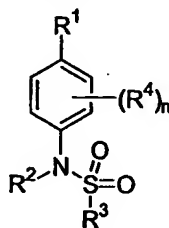
[0374] N-(4-{1-[1-(2-methoxyethyl)-1H-pyrrol-2-yl]-methyl}-phenyl)-N-methyl-benzenesulfonamide

[0375] To a solution of 16 mg (0.04 mmol) of N-(4-{1-hydroxy-1-[1-(2-methoxyethyl)-1H-pyrrol-2-yl]-methyl}-phenyl)-N-methyl-benzenesulfonamide (Example 93) in 1.5 mL CH₂Cl₂ at 0 °C were added 620 µL (3.88 mmol) of triethylsilane followed by 100 µL (0.79 mmol) of boron trifluoride diethyl etherate dropwise. The mixture was warmed to room temperature and stirred for 2.5 h. After this time, the reaction mixture was cooled to 0 °C, quenched by the addition of a saturated aqueous solution of sodium bicarbonate, allowed to warm to room temperature, and extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered and the filtrate was concentrated. The residue was purified by chromatography on silica gel (hexanes:EtOAc, 3:1) to give the title compound.

[0376] ¹H-NMR (CDCl₃) δ 7.52-7.60 (m, 3H), 7.45 (t, J=7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.09 (d, J=8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.00 (d, J=8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.68 (t, J=2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.10 (t, J=3.1 Hz, 1H), 5.85 (s, 1H), 3.95 (s, 2H), 3.88 (t, J=5.8 Hz, 2H), 3.45 (t, J=5.8 Hz, 2H), 3.27 (s, 3H), 3.16 (s, 3H). Mass Spectrum (ESI) m/e = 407.1 (M+23).

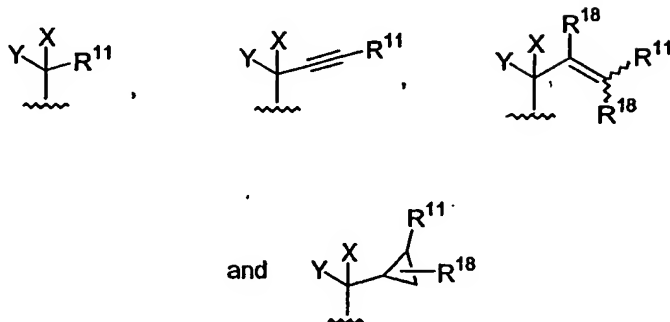
WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A compound having the formula:



wherein

R¹ is a member selected from the group consisting of



wherein

R¹¹ is a member selected from the group consisting of halogen, nitro, cyano, R¹², OR¹², SR¹², NHR¹², N(R¹²)₂, (C₄-C₈)cycloalkyl, (C₅-C₈)cycloalkenyl, COR¹², CO₂R¹², CONHR¹², CON(R¹²)₂, aryl, aryl(C₁-C₄)alkyl, heteroaryl and heteroaryl(C₁-C₄)alkyl; wherein each R¹² is (C₁-C₈)alkyl, (C₃-C₈)alkenyl, (C₃-C₈)alkynyl, (C₂-C₈)heteroalkyl, halo(C₁-C₈)alkyl or two R¹² groups attached to the same nitrogen atom are combined to form a five- to eight-membered ring and any alkyl portions of R¹¹ are optionally substituted with from one to three substituents independently selected from the group consisting of halogen, OR¹³, NHSO₂R¹⁴ and NHC(O)R¹³, and any aryl or heteroaryl portions of R¹¹ are optionally substituted with from one to five substituents independently selected from the group consisting of halogen, cyano, nitro, R¹⁴, OR¹³, SR¹³, N(R¹³)₂, NHSO₂R¹⁴, NHC(O)R¹³, phenyl, phenyl(C₁-C₈)alkyl, and phenyl(C₂-C₈)heteroalkyl; wherein each R¹³ is independently selected from H, (C₁-C₈)alkyl, (C₃-C₈)alkenyl, (C₃-C₈)alkynyl, (C₂-C₈)heteroalkyl and

halo(C₁-C₈)alkyl and each R¹⁴ is independently selected from (C₁-C₈)alkyl, (C₃-C₈)alkenyl, (C₃-C₈)alkynyl, (C₂-C₈)heteroalkyl and halo(C₁-C₈)alkyl; or optionally, R¹¹ is combined with X or Y to form a five- to six-membered monocyclic or fused bicyclic ring containing from 0 to 3 heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of N, O and S;

each R¹⁸ is independently selected from the group consisting of H, (C₁-C₈)alkyl, (C₂-C₈)heteroalkyl, halo(C₁-C₈)alkyl, aryl and heteroaryl;

X is a member selected from the group consisting of H, NH₂, NHR¹⁵, NHSO₂R¹⁵, OH and OR¹⁵, wherein R¹⁵ is (C₁-C₈)alkyl, (C₃-C₈)alkenyl, (C₃-C₈)alkynyl, (C₂-C₈)heteroalkyl or halo(C₁-C₈)alkyl, or is combined with R¹¹ as described above;

Y is fluoro(C₁-C₄)alkyl, or is combined with R¹¹ as described above;

with the proviso that when R¹¹ is attached to the carbon atom bearing X, then R¹¹ is other than R¹²;

R² is a member selected from the group consisting of H, (C₁-C₈)alkyl, (C₂-C₈)heteroalkyl, (C₃-C₈)alkenyl, (C₃-C₈)alkynyl, (C₃-C₈)cycloalkyl and (C₄-C₈)cycloalkyl-alkyl, wherein any alkyl portions of R² are optionally substituted with from one to three substituents independently selected from halogen, nitro, cyano, hydroxy, oxo and amino, or optionally R² is combined with R⁴ to form a five- to six-membered fused ring containing from 1 to 3 heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of N, O and S;

R³ is a member selected from the group consisting of aryl and heteroaryl, said aryl or heteroaryl group being optionally substituted with from one to five substituents independently selected from the group consisting of halogen, cyano, nitro, R¹⁶, OR¹⁶, SR¹⁶, COR¹⁶, CO₂R¹⁶, NHR¹⁶, N(R¹⁶)₂, CONHR¹⁶, CON(R¹⁶)₂, NHSO₂R¹⁶, NHC(O)R¹⁶, phenyl, phenyl(C₁-C₈)alkyl, and phenyl(C₂-C₈)heteroalkyl; wherein each R¹⁶ is independently selected from (C₁-C₈)alkyl, (C₃-C₈)alkenyl, (C₃-C₈)alkynyl, (C₂-C₈)heteroalkyl and halo(C₁-C₈)alkyl, or two R¹⁶ groups attached to the same nitrogen atom are combined to form a five- to eight-membered ring;

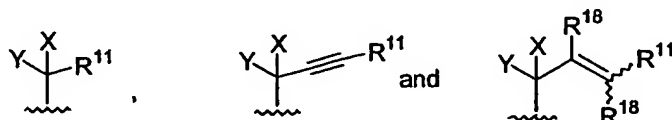
the subscript n is an integer of from 0 to 3; and

each R⁴ is independently selected from the group consisting of halogen, cyano, nitro, R¹⁷, OR¹⁷, SR¹⁷, COR¹⁷, CO₂R¹⁷, N(R¹⁷)₂ and CON(R¹⁷)₂, wherein each R¹⁷ is

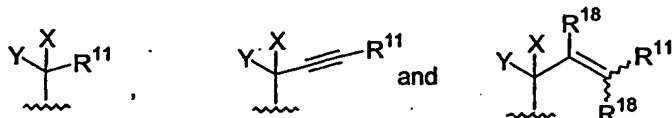
independently selected from H, (C₁-C₈)alkyl, (C₃-C₈)alkenyl, (C₃-C₈)alkynyl, (C₂-C₈)heteroalkyl and halo(C₁-C₈)alkyl, or two R¹⁷ groups attached to the same nitrogen atom are combined to form a five- to eight-membered ring; and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

2. A compound of claim 1, wherein X is OH.

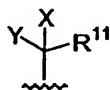
3. A compound of claim 1, wherein X is OH, and R¹ is a member selected from the group consisting of



4. A compound of claim 1, wherein X is H, and R¹ is a member selected from the group consisting of



5. A compound of claim 1, wherein X is OH, and R¹ is



wherein R¹¹ is a member selected from the group consisting of phenyl, pyridyl, pyridazinyl, pyrrolyl, imidazolyl, thiazolyl, oxazolyl, tetrazolyl, indolyl, benzimidazolyl, benzothienyl and benzothiazolyl, each of said R¹¹ groups being optionally substituted with from one to five substituents independently selected from the group consisting of halogen, cyano, nitro, (C₁-C₈)alkyl, (C₂-C₈)heteroalkyl, (C₁-C₈)haloalkyl, phenyl(C₁-C₆)alkyl and phenyl(C₂-C₆)heteroalkyl.

6. A compound of claim 5, wherein R¹¹ is phenyl, optionally substituted with from one to two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of halogen, cyano, nitro, (C₁-C₈)alkyl, (C₂-C₈)heteroalkyl, (C₁-C₈)haloalkyl, phenyl(C₁-C₆)alkyl and phenyl(C₂-C₆)heteroalkyl.

1 7. A compound of claim 6, wherein R^2 is selected from the group
2 consisting of H, (C₁-C₈)alkyl, (C₃-C₈)cycloalkyl and (C₄-C₈)cycloalkyl-alkyl, wherein any
3 alkyl portions of R^2 are optionally substituted with from one to three substituents
4 independently selected from halogen, nitro, cyano, hydroxy, oxo and amino.

1 8. A compound of claim 7, wherein R^3 is a member selected from the
2 group consisting of phenyl, pyridyl, thienyl and thiazolyl, optionally substituted with from
3 one to five substituents independently selected from the group consisting of halogen, cyano,
4 nitro, R^{16} , OR^{16} , SR^{16} , COR^{16} , CO_2R^{16} , NHR^{16} , $N(R^{16})_2$, $CONHR^{16}$, $CON(R^{16})_2$, $NHSO_2R^{16}$,
5 $NHC(O)R^{16}$, phenyl, phenyl(C₁-C₈)alkyl, and phenyl(C₂-C₈)heteroalkyl; wherein each R^{16} is
6 independently selected from (C₁-C₈)alkyl, (C₃-C₈)alkenyl, (C₃-C₈)alkynyl, (C₂-C₈)heteroalkyl
7 and halo(C₁-C₈)alkyl, or two R^{16} groups attached to the same nitrogen atom are combined to
8 form a five- to eight-membered ring.

1 9. A compound of claim 8, wherein the subscript n is an integer of from 0
2 to 2, and each R^4 is independently selected from the group consisting of halogen, (C₁-
3 C₈)alkyl and halo(C₁-C₈)alkyl.

1 10. A compound of claim 5, wherein R^{11} is pyrrolyl, optionally substituted
2 with from one to two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of
3 halogen, cyano, nitro, (C₁-C₈)alkyl, (C₂-C₈)heteroalkyl, (C₁-C₈)haloalkyl, phenyl(C₁-C₆)alkyl
4 and phenyl(C₂-C₆)heteroalkyl.

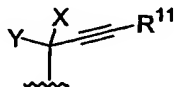
1 11. A compound of claim 10, wherein R^2 is selected from the group
2 consisting of H, (C₁-C₈)alkyl, (C₃-C₈)cycloalkyl and (C₄-C₈)cycloalkyl-alkyl, wherein any
3 alkyl portions of R^2 are optionally substituted with from one to three substituents
4 independently selected from halogen, nitro, cyano, hydroxy, oxo and amino.

1 12. A compound of claim 11, wherein R^3 is a member selected from the
2 group consisting of phenyl, pyridyl, thienyl and thiazolyl, optionally substituted with from
3 one to five substituents independently selected from the group consisting of halogen, cyano,
4 nitro, R^{16} , OR^{16} , SR^{16} , COR^{16} , CO_2R^{16} , NHR^{16} , $N(R^{16})_2$, $CONHR^{16}$, $CON(R^{16})_2$, $NHSO_2R^{16}$,
5 $NHC(O)R^{16}$, phenyl, phenyl(C₁-C₈)alkyl, and phenyl(C₂-C₈)heteroalkyl; wherein each R^{16} is
6 independently selected from (C₁-C₈)alkyl, (C₃-C₈)alkenyl, (C₃-C₈)alkynyl, (C₂-C₈)heteroalkyl

7 and halo(C₁-C₈)alkyl, or two R¹⁶ groups attached to the same nitrogen atom are combined to
8 form a five- to eight-membered ring.

1 13. A compound of claim 12, wherein the subscript n is an integer of from
2 0 to 2, and each R⁴ is independently selected from the group consisting of halogen, (C₁-
3 C₈)alkyl and halo(C₁-C₈)alkyl.

1 14. A compound of claim 1, wherein X is OH and R¹ has the formula:



2 wherein R¹¹ is a member selected from the group consisting of phenyl, pyridyl, pyridazinyl,
3 pyrrolyl, imidazolyl, thiazolyl, oxazolyl, tetrazolyl, indolyl, benzimidazolyl, benzothienyl and
4 benzothiazolyl, each of said R¹¹ groups being optionally substituted with from one to five
5 substituents independently selected from the group consisting of halogen, cyano, nitro, (C₁-
6 C₈)alkyl, (C₂-C₈)heteroalkyl, (C₁-C₈)haloalkyl, phenyl(C₁-C₆)alkyl and phenyl(C₂-
7 C₆)heteroalkyl.
8

1 15. A compound of claim 14, wherein R¹¹ is phenyl, optionally substituted
2 with from one to two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of
3 halogen, (C₁-C₈)alkyl, (C₂-C₈)heteroalkyl, (C₁-C₈)haloalkyl, phenyl(C₁-C₆)alkyl and
4 phenyl(C₂-C₆)heteroalkyl.

1 16. A compound of claim 15, wherein R² is selected from the group
2 consisting of H, (C₁-C₈)alkyl, (C₃-C₈)cycloalkyl and (C₄-C₈)cycloalkyl-alkyl, wherein any
3 alkyl portions of R² are optionally substituted with from one to three substituents
4 independently selected from halogen, nitro, cyano, hydroxy, oxo and amino.

1 17. A compound of claim 16, wherein R³ is a member selected from the
2 group consisting of phenyl, pyridyl, thienyl and thiazolyl, optionally substituted with from
3 one to five substituents independently selected from the group consisting of halogen, cyano,
4 nitro, R¹⁶, OR¹⁶, SR¹⁶, COR¹⁶, CO₂R¹⁶, NHR¹⁶, N(R¹⁶)₂, CONHR¹⁶, CON(R¹⁶)₂, NHSO₂R¹⁶,
5 NHC(O)R¹⁶, phenyl, phenyl(C₁-C₈)alkyl, and phenyl(C₂-C₈)heteroalkyl; wherein each R¹⁶ is
6 independently selected from (C₁-C₈)alkyl, (C₃-C₈)alkenyl, (C₃-C₈)alkynyl, (C₂-C₈)heteroalkyl
7 and halo(C₁-C₈)alkyl, or two R¹⁶ groups attached to the same nitrogen atom are combined to
8 form a five- to eight-membered ring.

1 18. A compound of claim 17, wherein the subscript n is an integer of from
2 0 to 2, and each R⁴ is independently selected from the group consisting of halogen, (C₁-
3 C₈)alkyl and halo(C₁-C₈)alkyl.

1 19. A compound of claim 14, wherein R¹¹ is pyridyl, optionally substituted
2 with from one to two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of
3 halogen, cyano, nitro, (C₁-C₈)alkyl, (C₂-C₈)heteroalkyl, (C₁-C₈)haloalkyl, phenyl(C₁-C₆)alkyl
4 and phenyl(C₂-C₆)heteroalkyl.

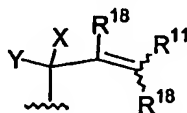
1 20. A compound of claim 19, wherein R² is selected from the group
2 consisting of H, (C₁-C₈)alkyl, (C₃-C₈)cycloalkyl and (C₄-C₈)cycloalkyl-alkyl, wherein any
3 alkyl portions of R² are optionally substituted with from one to three substituents
4 independently selected from halogen, nitro, cyano, hydroxy, oxo and amino.

1 21. A compound of claim 20, wherein R³ is a member selected from the
2 group consisting of phenyl, pyridyl, thienyl and thiazolyl, optionally substituted with from
3 one to five substituents independently selected from the group consisting of halogen, cyano,
4 nitro, R¹⁶, OR¹⁶, SR¹⁶, COR¹⁶, CO₂R¹⁶, NHR¹⁶, N(R¹⁶)₂, CONHR¹⁶, CON(R¹⁶)₂, NHSO₂R¹⁶,
5 NHC(O)R¹⁶, phenyl, phenyl(C₁-C₈)alkyl, and phenyl(C₂-C₈)heteroalkyl; wherein each R¹⁶ is
6 independently selected from (C₁-C₈)alkyl, (C₃-C₈)alkenyl, (C₃-C₈)alkynyl, (C₂-C₈)heteroalkyl
7 and halo(C₁-C₈)alkyl, or two R¹⁶ groups attached to the same nitrogen atom are combined to
8 form a five- to eight-membered ring.

1 22. A compound of claim 21, wherein the subscript n is an integer of from
2 0 to 2, and each R⁴ is independently selected from the group consisting of halogen, (C₁-
3 C₈)alkyl and halo(C₁-C₈)alkyl.

1 23. A compound of claim 14, wherein R¹¹ is pyridazinyl or pyrrolyl,
2 optionally substituted with from one to two substituents independently selected from the
3 group consisting of halogen, cyano, nitro, (C₁-C₈)alkyl, (C₂-C₈)heteroalkyl, (C₁-C₈)haloalkyl,
4 phenyl(C₁-C₆)alkyl and phenyl(C₂-C₆)heteroalkyl.

1 24. A compound of claim 1, wherein X is OH and R¹ has the formula:



3 wherein R^{11} is a member selected from the group consisting of phenyl, pyridyl, pyrrolyl and
 4 pyridazinyl, each of said R^{11} groups being optionally substituted with from one to five
 5 substituents independently selected from the group consisting of halogen, cyano, nitro, (C₁-
 6 C₈)alkyl, (C₂-C₈)heteroalkyl, (C₁-C₈)haloalkyl, phenyl(C₁-C₆)alkyl and phenyl(C₂-
 7 C₆)heteroalkyl.

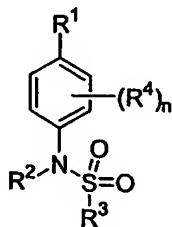
1 25. A compound of claim 24, wherein R^{11} is phenyl, optionally substituted
 2 with from one to five substituents independently selected from the group consisting of
 3 halogen, cyano, nitro, (C₁-C₈)alkyl, (C₂-C₈)heteroalkyl, (C₁-C₈)haloalkyl, phenyl(C₁-C₆)alkyl
 4 and phenyl(C₂-C₆)heteroalkyl.

1 26. A compound of claim 25, wherein R^2 is selected from the group
 2 consisting of H, (C₁-C₈)alkyl, (C₃-C₈)cycloalkyl and (C₄-C₈)cycloalkyl-alkyl, wherein any
 3 alkyl portions of R^2 are optionally substituted with from one to three substituents
 4 independently selected from halogen, nitro, cyano, hydroxy, oxo and amino.

1 27. A compound of claim 26, wherein R^3 is a member selected from the
 2 group consisting of phenyl, pyridyl, thienyl and thiazolyl, optionally substituted with from
 3 one to five substituents independently selected from the group consisting of halogen, cyano,
 4 nitro, R^{16} , OR^{16} , SR^{16} , COR^{16} , CO_2R^{16} , NHR^{16} , $N(R^{16})_2$, $CONHR^{16}$, $CON(R^{16})_2$, $NHSO_2R^{16}$,
 5 $NHC(O)R^{16}$, phenyl, phenyl(C₁-C₈)alkyl, and phenyl(C₂-C₈)heteroalkyl; wherein each R^{16} is
 6 independently selected from (C₁-C₈)alkyl, (C₃-C₈)alkenyl, (C₃-C₈)alkynyl, (C₂-C₈)heteroalkyl
 7 and halo(C₁-C₈)alkyl, or two R^{16} groups attached to the same nitrogen atom are combined to
 8 form a five- to eight-membered ring.

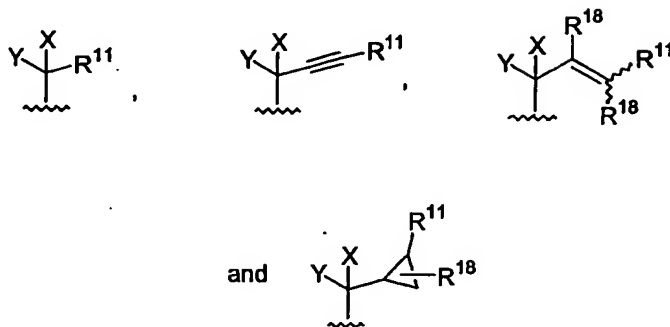
1 28. A compound of claim 27, wherein the subscript n is an integer of from
 2 0 to 2, and each R^4 is independently selected from the group consisting of halogen, (C₁-
 3 C₈)alkyl and halo(C₁-C₈)alkyl.

1 29. A pharmaceutical composition comprising a pharmaceutically
 2 acceptable excipient and a compound having the formula:



4 wherein

5 R^1 is a member selected from the group consisting of



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7 wherein

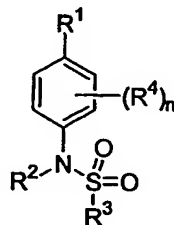
8 R^{11} is a member selected from the group consisting of halogen, nitro, cyano,
 9 R^{12} , OR^{12} , SR^{12} , NHR^{12} , $N(R^{12})_2$, (C_4-C_8) cycloalkyl, $(C_5-$
 10 $C_8)$ cycloalkenyl, COR^{12} , CO_2R^{12} , $CONHR^{12}$, $CON(R^{12})_2$, aryl, aryl(C_1-
 11 C_4)alkyl, heteroaryl and heteroaryl(C_1-C_4)alkyl; wherein each R^{12} is
 12 (C_1-C_8) alkyl, (C_3-C_8) alkenyl, (C_3-C_8) alkynyl, (C_2-C_8) heteroalkyl,
 13 halo(C_1-C_8)alkyl or two R^{12} groups attached to the same nitrogen atom
 14 are combined to form a five- to eight-membered ring and any alkyl
 15 portions of R^{11} are optionally substituted with from one to three
 16 substituents independently selected from the group consisting of
 17 halogen, OR^{13} , $NHSO_2R^{14}$ and $NHC(O)R^{13}$, and any aryl or heteroaryl
 18 portions of R^{11} are optionally substituted with from one to five
 19 substituents independently selected from the group consisting of
 20 halogen, cyano, nitro, R^{14} , OR^{13} , SR^{13} , $N(R^{13})_2$, $NHSO_2R^{14}$,
 21 $NHC(O)R^{13}$, phenyl, phenyl(C_1-C_8)alkyl, and phenyl(C_2-
 22 C_8)heteroalkyl; wherein each R^{13} is independently selected from H,
 23 (C_1-C_8) alkyl, (C_3-C_8) alkenyl, (C_3-C_8) alkynyl, (C_2-C_8) heteroalkyl and
 24 halo(C_1-C_8)alkyl and each R^{14} is independently selected from $(C_1-$
 25 $C_8)$ alkyl, (C_3-C_8) alkenyl, (C_3-C_8) alkynyl, (C_2-C_8) heteroalkyl and
 26 halo(C_1-C_8)alkyl; or optionally, R^{11} is combined with X or Y to form a
 27 five- to six-membered monocyclic or fused bicyclic ring containing
 28 from 0 to 3 heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of N, O and
 29 S;

30 each R^{18} is independently selected from the group consisting of H, $(C_1-$
 31 $C_8)$ alkyl, (C_2-C_8) heteroalkyl, halo(C_1-C_8)alkyl, aryl and heteroaryl;

32 X is a member selected from the group consisting of H, NH₂, NHR¹⁵,
33 NHSO₂R¹⁵, OH and OR¹⁵, wherein R¹⁵ is (C₁-C₈)alkyl, (C₃-C₈)alkenyl,
34 (C₃-C₈)alkynyl, (C₂-C₈)heteroalkyl or halo(C₁-C₈)alkyl, or is combined
35 with R¹¹ as described above;
36 Y is fluoro(C₁-C₄)alkyl, or is combined with R¹¹ as described above;
37 with the proviso that when R¹¹ is attached to the carbon atom bearing X, then
38 R¹¹ is other than R¹²,
39 R² is a member selected from the group consisting of H, (C₁-C₈)alkyl, (C₂-
40 C₈)heteroalkyl, (C₃-C₈)alkenyl, (C₃-C₈)alkynyl, (C₃-C₈)cycloalkyl and (C₄-
41 C₈)cycloalkyl-alkyl, wherein any alkyl portions of R² are optionally
42 substituted with from one to three substituents independently selected from
43 halogen, nitro, cyano, hydroxy, oxo and amino, or optionally R² is combined
44 with R⁴ to form a five- to six-membered fused ring containing from 1 to 3
45 heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of N, O and S;
46 R³ is a member selected from the group consisting of aryl and heteroaryl, said aryl or
47 heteroaryl group being optionally substituted with from one to five
48 substituents independently selected from the group consisting of halogen,
49 cyano, nitro, R¹⁶, OR¹⁶, SR¹⁶, COR¹⁶, CO₂R¹⁶, NHR¹⁶, N(R¹⁶)₂, CONHR¹⁶,
50 CON(R¹⁶)₂, NHSO₂R¹⁶, NHC(O)R¹⁶, phenyl, phenyl(C₁-C₈)alkyl, and
51 phenyl(C₂-C₈)heteroalkyl; wherein each R¹⁶ is independently selected from
52 (C₁-C₈)alkyl, (C₃-C₈)alkenyl, (C₃-C₈)alkynyl, (C₂-C₈)heteroalkyl and halo(C₁-
53 C₈)alkyl, or two R¹⁶ groups attached to the same nitrogen atom are combined
54 to form a five- to eight-membered ring;
55 the subscript n is an integer of from 0 to 3; and
56 each R⁴ is independently selected from the group consisting of halogen, cyano, nitro,
57 R¹⁷, OR¹⁷, SR¹⁷, COR¹⁷, CO₂R¹⁷, N(R¹⁷)₂ and CON(R¹⁷)₂, wherein each R¹⁷ is
58 independently selected from H, (C₁-C₈)alkyl, (C₃-C₈)alkenyl, (C₃-C₈)alkynyl,
59 (C₂-C₈)heteroalkyl and halo(C₁-C₈)alkyl, or two R¹⁷ groups attached to the
60 same nitrogen atom are combined to form a five- to eight-membered ring;
61 and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

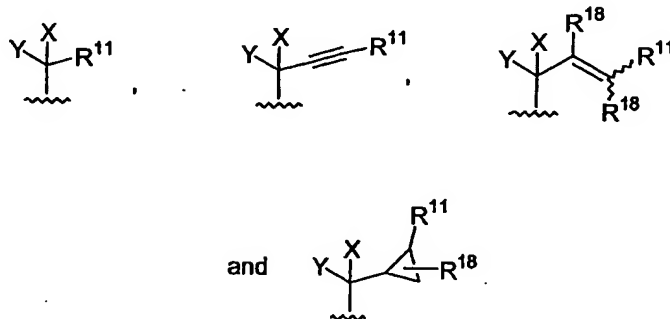
1 30. A pharmaceutical composition of claim 29, wherein said compound is
2 a compound of any of claims 2-28.

31. A method of modulating LXR function in a cell, said method comprising contacting said cell with an LXR-modulating amount of a compound of the formula:



wherein

R^1 is a member selected from the group consisting of



wherein

R^{11} is a member selected from the group consisting of halogen, nitro, cyano, R^{12} , OR^{12} , SR^{12} , NHR^{12} , $N(R^{12})_2$, (C_4-C_8) cycloalkyl, (C_5-C_8) cycloalkenyl, COR^{12} , CO_2R^{12} , $CONHR^{12}$, $CON(R^{12})_2$, aryl, aryl(C_1-C_4)alkyl, heteroaryl and heteroaryl(C_1-C_4)alkyl; wherein each R^{12} is (C_1-C_8) alkyl, (C_3-C_8) alkenyl, (C_3-C_8) alkynyl, (C_2-C_8) heteroalkyl, halo(C_1-C_8)alkyl or two R^{12} groups attached to the same nitrogen atom are combined to form a five- to eight-membered ring and any alkyl portions of R^{11} are optionally substituted with from one to three substituents independently selected from the group consisting of halogen, OR^{13} , $NHSO_2R^{14}$ and $NHC(O)R^{13}$, and any aryl or heteroaryl portions of R^{11} are optionally substituted with from one to five substituents independently selected from the group consisting of halogen, cyano, nitro, R^{14} , OR^{13} , SR^{13} , $N(R^{13})_2$, $NHSO_2R^{14}$, $NHC(O)R^{13}$, phenyl, phenyl(C_1-C_8)alkyl, and phenyl(C_2-C_8)heteroalkyl; wherein each R^{13} is independently selected from H,

(C₁-C₈)alkyl, (C₃-C₈)alkenyl, (C₃-C₈)alkynyl, (C₂-C₈)heteroalkyl and halo(C₁-C₈)alkyl and each R¹⁴ is independently selected from (C₁-C₈)alkyl, (C₃-C₈)alkenyl, (C₃-C₈)alkynyl, (C₂-C₈)heteroalkyl and halo(C₁-C₈)alkyl; or optionally, R¹¹ is combined with X or Y to form a five- to six-membered monocyclic or fused bicyclic ring containing from 0 to 3 heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of N, O and S;

each R¹⁸ is independently selected from the group consisting of H, (C₁-C₈)alkyl, (C₂-C₈)heteroalkyl, halo(C₁-C₈)alkyl, aryl and heteroaryl;

X is a member selected from the group consisting of H, NH₂, NHR¹⁵, NHSO₂R¹⁵, OH and OR¹⁵, wherein R¹⁵ is (C₁-C₈)alkyl, (C₃-C₈)alkenyl, (C₃-C₈)alkynyl, (C₂-C₈)heteroalkyl or halo(C₁-C₈)alkyl, or is combined with R¹¹ as described above;

Y is fluoro(C₁-C₄)alkyl, or is combined with R¹¹ as described above; with the proviso that when R¹¹ is attached to the carbon atom bearing X, then R¹¹ is other than R¹²;

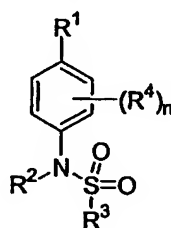
R² is a member selected from the group consisting of H, (C₁-C₈)alkyl, (C₂-C₈)heteroalkyl, (C₃-C₈)alkenyl, (C₃-C₈)alkynyl, (C₃-C₈)cycloalkyl and (C₄-C₈)cycloalkyl-alkyl, wherein any alkyl portions of R² are optionally substituted with from one to three substituents independently selected from halogen, nitro, cyano, hydroxy, oxo and amino, or optionally R² is combined with R⁴ to form a five- to six-membered fused ring containing from 1 to 3 heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of N, O and S;

R³ is a member selected from the group consisting of aryl and heteroaryl, said aryl or heteroaryl group being optionally substituted with from one to five substituents independently selected from the group consisting of halogen, cyano, nitro, R¹⁶, OR¹⁶, SR¹⁶, COR¹⁶, CO₂R¹⁶, NHR¹⁶, N(R¹⁶)₂, CONHR¹⁶, CON(R¹⁶)₂, NHSO₂R¹⁶, NHC(O)R¹⁶, phenyl, phenyl(C₁-C₈)alkyl, and phenyl(C₂-C₈)heteroalkyl; wherein each R¹⁶ is independently selected from (C₁-C₈)alkyl, (C₃-C₈)alkenyl, (C₃-C₈)alkynyl, (C₂-C₈)heteroalkyl and halo(C₁-C₈)alkyl, or two R¹⁶ groups attached to the same nitrogen atom are combined to form a five- to eight-membered ring;

the subscript n is an integer of from 0 to 3; and

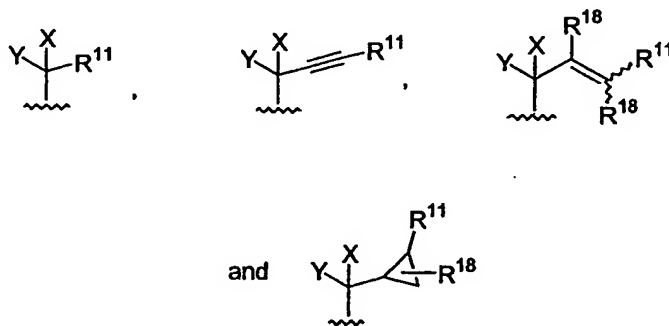
each R^4 is independently selected from the group consisting of halogen, cyano, nitro, R^{17} , OR^{17} , SR^{17} , COR^{17} , CO_2R^{17} , $N(R^{17})_2$ and $CON(R^{17})_2$, wherein each R^{17} is independently selected from H, (C_1-C_8) alkyl, (C_3-C_8) alkenyl, (C_3-C_8) alkynyl, (C_2-C_8) heteroalkyl and halo (C_1-C_8) alkyl, or two R^{17} groups attached to the same nitrogen atom are combined to form a five- to eight-membered ring; and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

32. A method of treating obesity, diabetes, hypercholesterolemia, atherosclerosis or hyperlipoproteinemia, comprising administering to a subject in need thereof a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of the formula:



wherein

R^1 is a member selected from the group consisting of



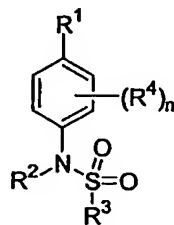
wherein

R^{11} is a member selected from the group consisting of halogen, nitro, cyano, R^{12} , OR^{12} , SR^{12} , NHR^{12} , $N(R^{12})_2$, (C_4-C_8) cycloalkyl, (C_5-C_8) cycloalkenyl, COR^{12} , CO_2R^{12} , $CONHR^{12}$, $CON(R^{12})_2$, aryl, aryl (C_1-C_4) alkyl, heteroaryl and heteroaryl (C_1-C_4) alkyl; wherein each R^{12} is (C_1-C_8) alkyl, (C_3-C_8) alkenyl, (C_3-C_8) alkynyl, (C_2-C_8) heteroalkyl, halo (C_1-C_8) alkyl or two R^{12} groups attached to the same nitrogen atom are combined to form a five- to eight-membered ring and any alkyl portions of R^{11} are optionally substituted with from one to three substituents independently selected from the group consisting of

18 halogen, OR^{13} , $\text{NHSO}_2\text{R}^{14}$ and NHC(O)R^{13} , and any aryl or heteroaryl
19 portions of R^{11} are optionally substituted with from one to five
20 substituents independently selected from the group consisting of
21 halogen, cyano, nitro, R^{14} , OR^{13} , SR^{13} , $\text{N(R}^{13})_2$, $\text{NHSO}_2\text{R}^{14}$,
22 NHC(O)R^{13} , phenyl, phenyl($\text{C}_1\text{-C}_8$)alkyl, and phenyl($\text{C}_2\text{-}$
23 C_8)heteroalkyl; wherein each R^{13} is independently selected from H,
24 ($\text{C}_1\text{-C}_8$)alkyl, ($\text{C}_3\text{-C}_8$)alkenyl, ($\text{C}_3\text{-C}_8$)alkynyl, ($\text{C}_2\text{-C}_8$)heteroalkyl and
25 halo($\text{C}_1\text{-C}_8$)alkyl and each R^{14} is independently selected from ($\text{C}_1\text{-}$
26 C_8)alkyl, ($\text{C}_3\text{-C}_8$)alkenyl, ($\text{C}_3\text{-C}_8$)alkynyl, ($\text{C}_2\text{-C}_8$)heteroalkyl and
27 halo($\text{C}_1\text{-C}_8$)alkyl; or optionally, R^{11} is combined with X or Y to form a
28 five- to six-membered monocyclic or fused bicyclic ring containing
29 from 0 to 3 heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of N, O and
30 S;
31 each R^{18} is independently selected from the group consisting of H, ($\text{C}_1\text{-}$
32 C_8)alkyl, ($\text{C}_2\text{-C}_8$)heteroalkyl, halo($\text{C}_1\text{-C}_8$)alkyl, aryl and heteroaryl;
33 X is a member selected from the group consisting of H, NH_2 , NHR^{15} ,
34 $\text{NHSO}_2\text{R}^{15}$, OH and OR^{15} , wherein R^{15} is ($\text{C}_1\text{-C}_8$)alkyl, ($\text{C}_3\text{-C}_8$)alkenyl,
35 ($\text{C}_3\text{-C}_8$)alkynyl, ($\text{C}_2\text{-C}_8$)heteroalkyl or halo($\text{C}_1\text{-C}_8$)alkyl, or is combined
36 with R^{11} as described above;
37 Y is fluoro($\text{C}_1\text{-C}_4$)alkyl, or is combined with R^{11} as described above;
38 with the proviso that when R^{11} is attached to the carbon atom bearing X, then
39 R^{11} is other than R^{12} ;
40 R^2 is a member selected from the group consisting of H, ($\text{C}_1\text{-C}_8$)alkyl, ($\text{C}_2\text{-}$
41 C_8)heteroalkyl, ($\text{C}_3\text{-C}_8$)alkenyl, ($\text{C}_3\text{-C}_8$)alkynyl, ($\text{C}_3\text{-C}_8$)cycloalkyl and ($\text{C}_4\text{-}$
42 C_8)cycloalkyl-alkyl, wherein any alkyl portions of R^2 are optionally
43 substituted with from one to three substituents independently selected from
44 halogen, nitro, cyano, hydroxy, oxo and amino, or optionally R^2 is combined
45 with R^4 to form a five- to six-membered fused ring containing from 1 to 3
46 heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of N, O and S;
47 R^3 is a member selected from the group consisting of aryl and heteroaryl, said aryl or
48 heteroaryl group being optionally substituted with from one to five
49 substituents independently selected from the group consisting of halogen,
50 cyano, nitro, R^{16} , OR^{16} , SR^{16} , COR^{16} , CO_2R^{16} , NHR^{16} , $\text{N(R}^{16})_2$, CONHR^{16} ,
51 $\text{CON(R}^{16})_2$, $\text{NHSO}_2\text{R}^{16}$, NHC(O)R^{16} , phenyl, phenyl($\text{C}_1\text{-C}_8$)alkyl, and

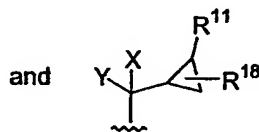
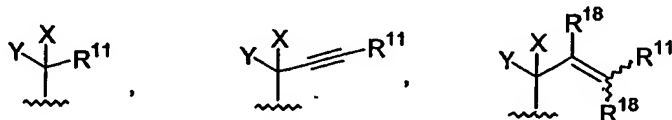
phenyl(C₂-C₈)heteroalkyl; wherein each R¹⁶ is independently selected from (C₁-C₈)alkyl, (C₃-C₈)alkenyl, (C₃-C₈)alkynyl, (C₂-C₈)heteroalkyl and halo(C₁-C₈)alkyl, or two R¹⁶ groups attached to the same nitrogen atom are combined to form a five- to eight-membered ring; the subscript n is an integer of from 0 to 3; and each R⁴ is independently selected from the group consisting of halogen, cyano, nitro, R¹⁷, OR¹⁷, SR¹⁷, COR¹⁷, CO₂R¹⁷, N(R¹⁷)₂ and CON(R¹⁷)₂, wherein each R¹⁷ is independently selected from H, (C₁-C₈)alkyl, (C₃-C₈)alkenyl, (C₃-C₈)alkynyl, (C₂-C₈)heteroalkyl and halo(C₁-C₈)alkyl, or two R¹⁷ groups attached to the same nitrogen atom are combined to form a five- to eight-membered ring; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

33. A method of treating an LXR-mediated condition in a subject, said method comprising administering to said subject an LXR-modulating amount of a compound of the formula:



wherein

R¹ is a member selected from the group consisting of



wherein

R¹¹ is a member selected from the group consisting of halogen, nitro, cyano, R¹², OR¹², SR¹², NHR¹², N(R¹²)₂, (C₄-C₈)cycloalkyl, (C₅-C₈)cycloalkenyl, COR¹², CO₂R¹², CONHR¹², CON(R¹²)₂, aryl, aryl(C₁-C₄)alkyl, heteroaryl and heteroaryl(C₁-C₄)alkyl; wherein each R¹² is

(C₁-C₈)alkyl, (C₃-C₈)alkenyl, (C₃-C₈)alkynyl, (C₂-C₈)heteroalkyl, halo(C₁-C₈)alkyl or two R¹² groups attached to the same nitrogen atom are combined to form a five- to eight-membered ring and any alkyl portions of R¹¹ are optionally substituted with from one to three substituents independently selected from the group consisting of halogen, OR¹³, NHSO₂R¹⁴ and NHC(O)R¹³, and any aryl or heteroaryl portions of R¹¹ are optionally substituted with from one to five substituents independently selected from the group consisting of halogen, cyano, nitro, R¹⁴, OR¹³, SR¹³, N(R¹³)₂, NHSO₂R¹⁴, NHC(O)R¹³, phenyl, phenyl(C₁-C₈)alkyl, and phenyl(C₂-C₈)heteroalkyl; wherein each R¹³ is independently selected from H, (C₁-C₈)alkyl, (C₃-C₈)alkenyl, (C₃-C₈)alkynyl, (C₂-C₈)heteroalkyl and halo(C₁-C₈)alkyl and each R¹⁴ is independently selected from (C₁-C₈)alkyl, (C₃-C₈)alkenyl, (C₃-C₈)alkynyl, (C₂-C₈)heteroalkyl and halo(C₁-C₈)alkyl; or optionally, R¹¹ is combined with X or Y to form a five- to six-membered monocyclic or fused bicyclic ring containing from 0 to 3 heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of N, O and S;

each R¹⁸ is independently selected from the group consisting of H, (C₁-C₈)alkyl, (C₂-C₈)heteroalkyl, halo(C₁-C₈)alkyl, aryl and heteroaryl;

X is a member selected from the group consisting of H, NH₂, NHR¹⁵, NHSO₂R¹⁵, OH and OR¹⁵, wherein R¹⁵ is (C₁-C₈)alkyl, (C₃-C₈)alkenyl, (C₃-C₈)alkynyl, (C₂-C₈)heteroalkyl or halo(C₁-C₈)alkyl, or is combined with R¹¹ as described above;

Y is fluoro(C₁-C₄)alkyl, or is combined with R¹¹ as described above; with the proviso that when R¹¹ is attached to the carbon atom bearing X, then R¹¹ is other than R¹²;

R² is a member selected from the group consisting of H, (C₁-C₈)alkyl, (C₂-C₈)heteroalkyl, (C₃-C₈)alkenyl, (C₃-C₈)alkynyl, (C₃-C₈)cycloalkyl and (C₄-C₈)cycloalkyl-alkyl, wherein any alkyl portions of R² are optionally substituted with from one to three substituents independently selected from halogen, nitro, cyano, hydroxy, oxo and amino, or optionally R² is combined with R⁴ to form a five- to six-membered fused ring containing from 1 to 3 heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of N, O and S;

47. R^3 is a member selected from the group consisting of aryl and heteroaryl, said aryl or
48 heteroaryl group being optionally substituted with from one to five
49 substituents independently selected from the group consisting of halogen,
50 cyano, nitro, R^{16} , OR^{16} , SR^{16} , COR^{16} , CO_2R^{16} , NHR^{16} , $N(R^{16})_2$, $CONHR^{16}$,
51 $CON(R^{16})_2$, $NHSO_2R^{16}$, $NHC(O)R^{16}$, phenyl, phenyl(C_1-C_8)alkyl, and
52 phenyl(C_2-C_8)heteroalkyl; wherein each R^{16} is independently selected from
53 (C_1-C_8)alkyl, (C_3-C_8)alkenyl, (C_3-C_8)alkynyl, (C_2-C_8)heteroalkyl and halo(C_1-
54 C_8)alkyl, or two R^{16} groups attached to the same nitrogen atom are combined
55 to form a five- to eight-membered ring;
56 the subscript n is an integer of from 0 to 3; and
57 each R^4 is independently selected from the group consisting of halogen, cyano, nitro,
58 R^{17} , OR^{17} , SR^{17} , COR^{17} , CO_2R^{17} , $N(R^{17})_2$ and $CON(R^{17})_2$, wherein each R^{17} is
59 independently selected from H, (C_1-C_8)alkyl, (C_3-C_8)alkenyl, (C_3-C_8)alkynyl,
60 (C_2-C_8)heteroalkyl and halo(C_1-C_8)alkyl, or two R^{17} groups attached to the
61 same nitrogen atom are combined to form a five- to eight-membered ring;
62 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

1 34. A method in accordance with claim 33, wherein said condition is
2 selected from the group consisting of obesity, diabetes, hypercholesterolemia, atherosclerosis
3 and hyperlipoproteinemia.

1 35. A method in accordance with claim 34, wherein said compound is
2 administered in combination with an anti-hypercholesterolemic agent.

1 36. A method in accordance with claim 33, wherein said compound is an
2 LXR agonist.